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Patriotic Front leaders agree to Rhodesia ceasefire

un and the Patriotic Front guerrillas concluded and possible so quickly. In the agreement, the Patriotic Front illed an agreement on a Rhodesian ceasefire last night. guerrilla leaders have registered doubts that this is place at Lancaster House tomorrow.

has won an extra assembly point in the 'heartland' for its to come fully into effect early in the new year, though forces. Formal signing of the ceasefire document is to take Caracas, Dec 17

'This means end of the war', British chairman says

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Mr Joshua Nkomo (left) and Mr Robert Mugabe after the ceasefire agreement.

addition, the British Governor in Salisbury was empowered to allocate further assembly areas, if the need arose.

Lerd Carrington for British Government, and Silas Mundawarara for the Salisbury delegation, had al-ready initialled the report last

Saturday.
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American officials cautiqued

however, that a final decision to press for sanctions had not yet been taken. They said that a number of options were still under review.

Earlier at a welcoming cere mony on the White House lawn,

Mrs Thatther said that every British home had been follow-

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the patience wisdom and self-restraint with which the American public had reacted to

the crisis she said, and Mr Carter had won "enormous res-pect" in Britain for the

It was not an easy time for

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Rhodesia, Mr Nkomo said. In democratic society in Zimbabwe free from racism and the exdays after tomorrow's signing

days after tomorrow's signing and come fully into effect seven days after that. The period between signature and ceasefire day will be used for the deployment of the British and Commonwealth monatoring forces, now standing by to Fly to Rhodesia, and the disengagement of the Rhodesian forces.

The second seven days will be

The second seven days will be for the assembly of the Patriotic Front forces, under their own commanders and the suspices of the monitoring teams. The process of organiz-

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Paris, Dec 17.-Ayatollah

Sadeq Khalkhali, an Iranian

Islamic judge, said in an inter-

view published here today that he was the leader of a group

of specially-trained commandos who would kill all members of the deposed Shah's family.

"We will execute without trial all the members of the

family—the Shah, Parah Diba (the Shah's wife)—all of them and all the dignitaries of the old regime, and Bakhriar (Mr

Shapur BakhGar, the former Prime Minister)", Ayasollah Khalkhali rold the French lefust daile Liberation

quoted as saying that he was responsible for at least 200 exe-

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order not to hold back the business of the conference", he said, "things which we believe we can in due course modify in the interests of everybody". The agreement yesterday was in doubt until the last moment

and was the result of extensive heart searching by both wings of the Patriotic Front. Britain had made it clear that there were no further concessions to be had after the granting of the sixteenth assembly place, on which the British side felt the Patriotic Front had made a

strong case.

The possibility of further assembly areas will be up to the Governor, on the advice of the ceasefire commission; the ule of thumb is 1,000 men to ach assembly area. Mr Nicholas Fenn, the British Patriotic Front forces started in Rhodesia yesterday.

spokesman at the conference, flew to Salisbury last night to become press spokesman for

Our Washington Correspondent writes: News of the imminent ceaselire agreement reached Mrs Thatcher at a formal lunch at the British Embassy here.

Announcing that she had just heard she Pariotic Erect to the property of the control of the control

heard that Patriotic Front representatives were about to initial the document, the Prime Minister paid tribute to the American Administration for its immense and continual help Maize embargo lifted, page 5

Heath attack on EEC tactics by Britain

Michael Hatfield

Strong criticism of Britain's negotiating stance at the meeting in Dublin of European Economic Community leaders over the country's budgetary contri-bution to the Community was made last night by Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister.

ing tents to accommodate the

Mr Mugabe made it clear that

the Patriotic Front did not believe a cesseure could be

achieved in such a short time:
"The practical realities will prove it impossible in seven days", he said, "and demon-

strate the Patriotic Front's con-

tention that it needs six to eight weeks to come true.".

Sounding somewhat more re-served than Mr Nkomo, Mr Mugabe said that the overall agreement had certain short-

comings such as racial repre-sentation in the Parliament,

which was enathema to them, and dual citizenship: "Things

The implication of his speech was that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had made a misjudgment in her tactical approach to Britain's

Air Heath told a meeting in London: "I believe that the seriousness with which the British treated this budgetary, problem would have been more credible to our partners if we had put forward specific proposals for more Community spending in Britain, preferably of a sort that would benefit the European Economic Community

The Government had indicated that it saw increased Community spending in Britain es one way of contributing to a solution to the problem. "Yet to my knowledge, no such pro-posals were put forward either at the Dublin summit or since", he said.

guilty, so that none would be executed. But if any are res-ponsible for events which caused the death of Iranians. Conservative MPs will unthen they will be severely pun-ished."—Reuter. doubtedly interpret his remarks as an oblique criticism of the Journalists expelled, page 5

mentioned in his speech at Chatham House, on the occasion of the Adolf Bentinck Prize.

While Mr Heath expressed while Mr Beath expressed full understanding as to why the Europeans had rejected the Community's 1980 Budget, there appeared little in his speech which supported the British Covernment's stance.

He questioned the position adopted by the Government at a meesing of Council ministers. Our partners must be ask-themselves how sincere Britain can be in her orgent demands for reform of the common agricultural policy and for a more equitable distribu-tion of the Budget if ministers vote against the Parliament's cuts in agricultural spending" he said.

"Our veto must have been made all the more perplexing to them by the fact that a British vote for the Parliament's amendments would have en sured the adoption ". "A strong British lead in

creating an effective common energy policy would greatly improve the negotiating atmosphere as well as being in our own interest. It should include more generous arrangements for the preferential supply of North Sea oil to our Community partners in times of emergency.

Opec talks hopelessly split on oil pricing

Energy Correspondent

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Coun-tries meeting today in Caracas are hopelessly split on pricing

policy.

Any chance of agreement on a unified price structure, which could end the disorder in international oil markets resulting from production cutbacks in Iran, now looks slim.

A final communique is expected to paper over the cracks. But unless there is a substantial shift in the position of the moderates, led by Saudi Arabia, and the pricing hawks, led by Libya and Iran, wide led by Libys and Iran, wide price differences will consinue. The kind of price leap-frogging between Opec nations which has characterized the market in the past months is only likely to be avoided by the effects of the growing

world recession next year. Attempts by Saudi Arabia and three moderate followers among the 13 Opec countries to pre-empt the Venezuelan conference by raising their prices by S6 a barrel to give Opec a new benchmark price seems to have failed.

The Saudis are continuing The Saudis are continuing their attempts to moderate the effects of sharp price increases on western economies. Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister, is refusing to edd to his price of 524 a barrel at this meeting and has said he will hold it for longer than the first quarter of 1980.

Shaikh Yamani has also said that Saudi Arabia will continue to supply an extra one million

to supply an extra one million barrels a day above its desired long-term limit of 8.5 million barrels a day.

The Saudis, the world's larg-

est oil producers, clearly hope that as the world recession gathers pace next year, prices demanded by the "bawks" will become too high to be maintained and all Oper countries will come into line at the next

But for the time being pricing remains out of control. Libya has already raised its prices to \$30 a barrel back-dated to November 1 and appears to be pressing for Opec to agree to a benchmark price of \$34 from January 1.

lran has also confirmed that has raised its prices by 55 a barrel backdated to December 1 to a level of \$28.50.

Algeria, which with Libya and Nigeria, produces a quality of light crude similar to output it intends to maintain its differential of \$5.50 over the Saudi "marker '

This makes it almost certain that the price for North Sea oil charged by the British National Oil Corporation will rise to more than 530 a barrel by January 1. So far seven of Cope's 13 members have announced firm made it clear that they intend to put their prices up in line with increases by other mem-

bers. Attempts will be made by the Opec oil ministers meeting in Caracas tonight and tomorrow at least to make differentials more in line with differing qualities of crude but at present Opec looks in disarray over a pricing policy.

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Choice of Stansted as airport for London likely to reopen battle

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
The choice by the Government yesterday of Stansted as the site for an expanded sirport for London able to handle up to 50 million passengers a year by the turn of the century is likely to cause a bitter environmental battle.
While residents near the other five short-listed sites for

other five short-listed sites for the third London amport expressed relief, conservation groups in the picturesque towns and villages in the rolling agricultural country around Stansted prepared last night to fight the decision.

One of their main arguments

at a lengthy planning inquiry into the expansion of Stansted which is to open next year is that the site has already been chosen on two occasions since the war and then rejected. The choice of Stansted as third London airport in all but

name was announced to the Commons yesterday by Mr John Notr, Secretary of State for Trade, in a sweeping review of sirports policy designed to settle up to the year 2000 a problem which has bedevilled successive governments for

His main points were : there vill be a fourth terminal at but no lifth ter-Heathrow, minal; no second runway at Gatwick; and a new terminal building at Stansted, with the purchase of 1,500 acres of additional land and improvements to access roads, to enable that airport to handle up to 15 million passengers a year, and the "safeguarding" of an additional 2,500 acres to provide for a second runway and further

terminal capacity.

Added to the existing 900 acres of Stansted, the two new parcels of land would result in Stansted covering 4,900 acres (compared with the 2,800 acres

of Heathrow).

Mr Nott told the House:

Our aim would be that the
owners of residential and agricultural property in this wider area (the 2,500 acres) should have the opportunity of either continuing to live or farm there, pending any possible require-ment for this additional land. or of selling their property at an unblighted value to the British Airports Authority."

The cost of developing Stansted up to 15 million pessengers will be £385m, most of which will be financed by the airports authority, which already operates Stansted with 300,000 passengers a year. According 20 the Study

Group on South-east Airports which, with the Advisory Committee on Airports Policy, advised the Government on

sites, the total cost of Stansted will be £1,250m.

will be £1,250m.

The total cost of the other short-listed sites would have been: Hoggeston, £1,645m; Yardley Chase, £1,975m; Langley, £1,505m; and Maplin, £1,710m, £1,505m; and Maplin, £1,710m, £1,700m, and fail consideration to each of the sites examined. Mr Nott said. Airports, road and rail access, the relocation of defence establishments, oli use up agricultural land, affect property and cause changes to the environment.

The best solution must be one that avoids any premature expenditure, and leaves future governments with the maximum governments with the maximum degree of flexibility—dependent on the growth of demand.

"Our view on the evidence so far available is that none of the greenfield sites meets these requirements. We recognize that Maplin has certain advant-

"But ... a commitment of over \$1.000m would involve very serious risks which are unjustified when we cannot be certain that an airport of such a size might be needed."

The Government is working on the forecast that there will " But

on the forecast that there will be a demand of between 69 million and 81 million passengers a year in London and the South-east by the late 1980s.
Existing capacity is 50 million. With a fourth terminal at Heathrow and a second ter-

minal at Gatwick, subject to a planning inquiry, this figure will increase to 65 million. Stansted's development to take 15 million passengers could be complete in eight years.

Plans are well advanced within the airports authority to develop the fourth Heathrow

terminal at a cost of over £100m. But there will he severe restrictions on its use.

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Turkish Airlines office bombed in London

By Staff Reporters
The Turkish Airlines office in Hanover Street in London's West End was damaged by on

explosion last night.

A group calling itself the Front for the Liberation of Armenia claimed responsibility in a phone call to the Agence France-Presse. Police said the IRA was not considered responsible.

The police said the 11b device was either thrown from a passing car or placed against a

Only one casualty was re-ported, suffering from shock.

The small street connects Hanover Square with Regent Street, which was filled with sightseers looking at the Christmas decorations.

The police issued a general warning last night for the pub-lic to be wary about any un-solicited mail, specially from overseas, after a letter bomb exploded at Dover vesterday at lunchtime.

Two sorters were shaken when the device exploded inside a mailbag at Chariton Green sorting office.

The mailbag was on a conveyar belt



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of the hostages, the next of action was an and let there be no mistake to the United Nations about it ", she said to applause

ent Carter leads Mrs Thatcher by the hand to the ing stand at the White House.

Two women killed as gales sweep Britain

and several other people were injured yesterday when gales swept Scotland. Northern Ire-land and the north of England. Many ships were in trouble and car and lorry drivers had hazardous journeys.

One of the women who died was Lady Ballantrae, wife of the former Governor-General of New Zealand. She was crushed when a tree fell on their car near their home village of Ballantrae, South Ayrshire. Her bushand escaped with miner invertes. minor injuries.

The other woman was killed by a falling chimney stack in the Saracen Cross area of Glasgow. Lete lest night 400 lorry drivers were stranded at South-

write service station on the M6 in Cumbria after a number of high-sided vehicle had been overturned by the wind and police stopped other lorries using the motorway. The Salvation Army issued many of the men with blankers and a bank was set up to pro-vide them with money.

With winds gusting up to 80 mph causing havoc all over Scotland, there were fears last night for a climber missing in the Cairngorms.

Five mountain rescue teams, seven search and rescue dogs and an RAF helicopter were forced by blizzards to give up their search for Mr Gordon Taylor, aged 30, of New Eigin, Murrayshire. Mr Taylor, married with two collapsed,

young children, was on the slopes of Ben Macdui with two companions on Sunday when be disappeared in almost "white our" conditions. His friends re-

turned safely.

Five people were rescued in two other mountain incidents. Two climbers were found 2,800ft up on Ben More after spending a night on the mountain. One, who had a back injury, was rescued by belicopter. The other was guided to safety.

Three other men—including a rescuer suffering from hypothermia were recovering in hoshospital last night after another incident on the same mountain.
In Glasgow, a falling tree in
the Thornliebank area trapped
a man in his car, and two roads were closed when a building

Take-offs and landings at Glasgow airport were left to the discretion of pilots. Police in the west of Scotland were inundated with reports of trees, lamp standards and scaf-folding being blown down and buildings being damaged.

Several minor roads in Scotand were blocked by fallen trees, and heavy snow in parts of west Scotland added to motorists' difficulties.

There was also snow and slush on the M 62 in Leeds and speed on most motorways in the north of England was restricted to 40 or 50 mph. Eight buildings were damaged in Northumberland, where police stopped some high-sided loads from using roads.

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'As an employer, have you considered the HSA CROWN PLAN as a valuable part of your employee welfare?" asks Air Vice-Marshal

A.A. Case, CB, CBE, MBIM, General Secretary of the Hospital Saving Association

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to requests for information in the Prime Minister's open ment policy. The survey was Civil Service manpower cuis, jor issue of parliamentary inle 20. Thirty-two departments stied formally to release their and 20 per cent options for hree agreed to the request, two I "not yet", and 15 and "No" Page 4

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Churchill behaviour Renault considering 'not security risk'

Mr Winston Churchill's relationship with Mrs Soraya Khashoggi, wife of the international arms dealer, did not constitute a breach of national security, the Prime Minister stated in a parliamentary written reply Page 2

-Jail 'for natural life' Arthur Hall, aged 38, who admitted

murdering a young man and his girl friend, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mr. Justice Kenneth Jones at Nortingham Crown Court said that he should be detained " for the rest of your natural life." He added: "These were most harrible crimes and I regard you as a highly-dangerous man. Page 4 dangerous man."

Labour pact on Bill

Senior Labour Party politicians and trade union leaders agreed to repeal the forthcoming legislation on the closed shop and secondary picketing as soon as they return to power. They said the Employment Bill would only impede the promotion of improved industrial relations. Page 2

bid for BL

Repault, the state-owned French motor group, has emerged as a pos-sible buyer for BL if government funding is lost BL is the last major British-owned representative in the car industry. If the deal goes ahead, would leave the French, whose Peugeot company acquired Chrysler UK last year, holding more than half Britain's car and commercial vehicle industry

Nato initiative

Nato has offered to pull out 13,000 American troops from West Germany if Russia withdraws 30,000 men from Eastern Europe. The Western initia-tive is intended to break the deadlock in the Vienna force-reduction talks and secure an interim agreement with Page 4 the Warsaw Pact states

'Refugees ignored'

The Soviet Union and other Eastern block nations have done little or nothing to alleviate the plight of almost a million refugees in South-East Asia, a United Nations official Page 6

Sickness payment by employer planned

The Government proposed to make employers pay sickness benefits for the first eight weeks in any tax year, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced. The plan will be published in a Green Paper in the spring Page 2 Northern Treland: Provisional IRA

claims responsibility for murder of ninth prison officer this year. Tube strike: Services on London Underground badly disrupted by unofficial action

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Labour leaders agree to repeal picket and closed shop legislation

Labour Party leaders gave a practically unqualified pledge yesterday to repeal the Government's forthcoming legislation on the closed shop and second-ary picketing as soon as they get back into power.

Mr James Callaghan, Opposition leader, and senior mem-bers of the Shadow Cabinet gave their promise at a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee on the day that MPs began the second reading of the Employment

Labour politicians and union leaders agreed that the Bill would impede the promotion of improved industrial relations, and "do nothing to help to solve the pressing problems of improving productivity, invest-ment and collective bargaining

There was no serious criti-cism from the Opposition front bench spokesmen to a TUC background paper giving a clause-by-clause rebuttal of the Bill introduced by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, less than two

The agreed statement said in full: "The representatives of the Labour Party indicated that the party would be strongly opposing the Bill in Parliament

of legal rights for workers and unions in an improved form." That form of words meets the That form of words meets the TUC's demand that Labour politicians should give them a "firm commitment" to repeal the forthcoming legislation in consultation with the unions.

The phrase "the Bill's damaging measures" is deliberately ambiguous, but the ambiguity is explained as a device to meet the desire of

device to meet the desire of some union leaders to sustain state financial support for unions that conduct secret ballots as part of their normal industrial and democratic

of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, declared his support for public aid for secret ballots at yesterday's meeting, and that provision is likely to be continued by likely to be continued by a future Labour Government.

The circumstances surrounding Mr Callaghan's pledge of a repeal of the Tory employment laws are very different from the similar exercise conducted over the Heath Government's Industrial Relations Act of 1971. There was no TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee when the Bill was introduced, and Labour leaders were not asked for and did not offer repeal of the legislation. It took several years before and that the next Labour It took several years before Government would repeal the the "social contract" between Bill's damaging measures, if the Shadaw Cabinet and the enacted, and would consult with TUC took shape.

'No breach of security' in Churchill case

By Our Political Reporter

The Prime Minister declined vesterday to refer the case of Mr Winston Churchill, Conservarive MP for Stretford, and Mrs Khashoggi to the Security

In a parliamentary written reply Mrs Thatcher stated that she was satisfied there had been no breach of security in the pub-lic service.

The Prime Minister was replying to a written question from Mr James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Bexley, Erith and Cray-ford and a former junior defence minister, who had asked if she would refer to the Security Commission the evidence given by Mrs Khashogei in respect of her relationship

Social Services Correspondent

Government proposals to make employers pay sick pay will be published in a Green Paper next spring. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for

in a parliamentary written

The proposals would save a

substantial proportion of the cost of sickness benefits, running at about £650m a year,

The proposals were con-demned as "another attack on the national insurance scheme"

by the Trades Union Congress, but the Confederation of British Industry declined to comment until the Green Paper

is published. The Child Poverty

Action Group was concerned that the proposals would under-

mine clear rights to sickness benefit and to independent

appeals.
Mr Jenkin said in his written

answer that it did not seem sensible that employees could be better off sick than in work because sickness benefit was not taxable. More than 80 per

cent of employees had some sickness cover from their em-

ployers, a large number of them through full wages or full

wages less sickness benefit.

but could not be implemented before April, 1981, at the

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reply yesterday.

earliest.

with a politician involved in defence matters. Mr Wellbeloved said last night

far as he was concerned. Hugh Noyes writes: Mr Churchill came into the Chamber of the House of Commons last night for about 10 minutes. before the division on the Employment Bill, and sat on the front bench below the gangway. At ne point he was involved in a conversation across the floor of the house with Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liver-pool, Walton. As he left the Chamber to record his vote and passed in front of the Government Front Bench, he was greeted warmly by several Con-

similar change to the national

Sickness benefit would be available, subject to contribution conditions, for people whose sickness in any tax year

whose sixtness in any tax years lasted longer than eight weeks and for those not covered by the scheme. The self-employed would continue to qualify for

national insurance sickness

Employers would be compensated for the extra cost involved by a reduction in their national insurance contributions, Mr Jenkin said. There would be consideration for the difficulties

small firms might face.

The proposals would relieve

insurance rules.

Employment | Crisis in the steel towns 2-Consett: Bitterness over plant brought back to profitability Bill creeps in like

a mouse

Parliamentary Correspondent The Employment Bill, her-alded by Labour and the TUC as the greatest threat to free speech since the Spanish Inqui-sition, and by Conservatives as the legislation that would put right most if not all, that was wrong with the nation's industrial relations, crept meekly into the Commons yesterday for its second reading, with about as much fury as a dragon that has lost its puff.

it was soon clear that something had gone drastically wrong with the Bill's advance publicity. Indeed, it seemed possible that in the interest of making some sort of a fight of it. Mr Eric Varley, the former Secretary of State for Industry, leading the arrest for its days. leading the attack for the Oppo-sition, had decided that it would be best for his future in the party if he did not read the Bill at all.

Mr James Prior. Secretary of State State for Employment, pre-sented his opening speech in the midst of an almost total silence from back benches on both sides of the House.

The Secretary of State claimed yesterday that the new legislation was neither doctrin-aire nor draconian, and was not designed to clobber the unions.
Indeed, as Mr Prior proceeded
to reveal his proposals for dealing with the closed shop and

ing with the closed shop and secondary picketing it was a little difficult to discover what exactly the Bill would do.

It was equally difficult to find out what precisely Mr.

Varley was so concerned about.

As for the demand from trade union leaders that Labour chould independ the control of the control should give a promise to repeal the legislation book, line and sinker as soon as they had the power to do so, he gave about as equivocal an answer as it is

possible to do
As for Mr Pryor his most difficult task was to explain how the Government would be handling the awkward situation thatthe matter was now closed as arising out of the House of Lords ruling lest week in favour of the journalists who "blacked" Press Association

What it all boiled down to was the expectation that an amendment to deal with at unforunate hiccup over secondary picketing would be introduced into the Bill at its committee

stage.
The Bill was given its second reading by 315 votes to 245, a government majority of 70.

Mr Jenkin plans to make payment of

sickness benefits an employer's duty He was therefore considerthe national insurance scheme ing proposals for legislation to of the cost of a large proportion place a duty on employers to pay an amount of sick pay "roughly equating to the aver-age" paid in sickness benefit. of sickness benefit, since two

Such sick pay would be tax-able, but employers' liability would be limited to the first Mr Peter: Jacques, secretary of the social insurance and industrial welfare department of the TUC, said last night that the proposals were another eight weeks in any tax year. Mr Jenkin said the proposed scheme would apply to all employers, and cover all emattempt by the Government to break up the national insurance ployees except those outside national insurance cover. players except those outside national insurance cover. Employers would not be required to pay for the first three days of sickness, and separate spells of three days or less would not be linked for sick pay purposes. There would be

thirds of claimants received the benefit for two weeks or less, and 90 per cent claim for six

"Who will decide whether the worker is sick and who will pay for the medical certificate?" he asked. "I hope the sick worker will not be asked to

Workers should be allowed a reduction in their national insurance contributions if the proposals went through, particularly since they were likely to be worse off under them, Mr

Jacques said.
Miss Ruth Lister, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said she was not opposed to the principle taxing sickness benefit. fundamental reforms of the tax system to raise the threshold for low-income familia-

or low-income families.

She was also concerned that some small companies might find it difficult to pay and that sick workers would find it more difficult to obtain their rights. Workers want help in their fight to attract new industry

When Howns Gill Plate Mill, part of the British Steel Corporation's complex at Consett, co Durbam, closed last autumn with the loss of 420 jabs, a popular north-east England comedian known as Little Billy Fane wrote a song about it. It ended with words the pur-part of which was: "You may

close the gates, the machines may rust, but you will never break the spirit of the men of stee]." When Little Billy Fane sung it at Consett Trade Union Club

members rose to him and-ended the evening standing on tables singing: "You'll never walk aloce." Whether a new song will be whether a new song will be written to mark the closure of the entire plant under British Steel's 52,000 jobs cut is debatable, but after talking to many Consett people one is forced to the conclusion that Little Billy Fane knew what be

was talking about.

The people of Consett are worried, and small wonder, with 3,750 jobs to vanish in

the next six months, but they are not despandent. They feel imam incontives to attract new sure news.

After a f15m loss last year, five jobs that were lost only federation was told by British Sizel: "Pull, up your socks and get back into a profitable position." The men of Consett. The works to be a big did as they were told. One said: "We did get into a profit of the works to be a big aid: "We did get into a profit of the works to be a big did as they were told. One said: "We did get into a profit of the works to be a big aid: "We did get into a profit of the works to be a big did as they were told. One said: "We did get into a profit of the works to be a big to the county of the works to be a big area for years."

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Mr. Robson is quietly conficient that new industry will come out of it. he says, total of 8,000-3,000 additional total permanent of a total of 8,000-3,000 additional total permanent of the says, will be affected, giving a total of 8,000-3,000 additional total permanents in the says, will be affected, giving a total of 8,000-3,000 additional total permanents in the says, the s

itable position.
"We are the most viable steelworks in the country. We have made a profit for two, successive months and we have been betrayed by the people who told us to get cracking.

Mr. David Watkins, Labour MP for Consett, has picked up the mood of the people of the town and said: "Make no mistake the people of the to take, there is going to be a

If the fight to keep the plant open is hopeless, the attack will be towards deferring its closure so that some attempt may be made to replace the

los jobs.

Mr Warkins said: This used to be a coal mining area. In the last two decades 15,000 mining jobs have disappeared.

for the creation of new jobs. "If this does not happen, this town is going to be destroyed. The Government must intervene and give us a couple of years, breathing space", Mr

Consett lies in the middle of beautiful countryside. It has been making iron and, later, steel for 140 years. There is no getting away from it, the steel-works and its associated coke. ovens are a blot on the land-scape and for years have pumped out fumes and red

Faced with the spectre of more than 50,000 job losses in the principality, union leaders in South Wales decided yesterday to ask their national

executives to sauction an all-out strike unless the British Steel Corporation lifts its threat to shed as many as

at the meeting that the working class had taken as much as it could stand. "We were manimous that now is the time to

many skilled men ar the steel works capable of adapting to new jobs: A new town centre is being built. Houses for key workers are no longer a diffi-

He is equally sure there will be no mass exodus from Con-sett even though he believes that the unemployment rate after the closure will rise from its present 8 per cent to about

evidence that the corporation had deliberately failed to seek new markets or hold on to existing ones as part of the

strategy to trim down to a * so called workable level."

"We have just got to take them on now or they will reduce Wales to a wasteland. This is the worst situation I have known

in my time with the move-ment."

its present 8 per cent to about 35 per cent.

Mr Terry Hodgson, chief executive of the council, believes that some migration will take place. He puts the loss of mining jobs between 1951 and 1961 at 16,900. The population in 1951 was 102,400. It is now estimated at 89,100.

He saws that apart from the will take place the puts the six.

Since local government reorloss of mining loss between 1951 and 1961 at 16,900. The part of Derwentside District population in 1951 was 102,400. It is now estimated at 89,100. The were made a Special Kenneth Robson, tries to look is lost with the closure, a

All-out steel stoppage

gains Welsh support

pounds.

make a stand, and as far as than 6,000 members of the Iron we are concerned the strike can and Steel Trades Confederation be international ", he said.

Mr Wright said there was Business News; page 17

Tube drivers' strike cuts

cil in addition to those pro-vided by Special Development

Area status. "Provided we get the right sort of pump-priming invest-ment from the Government, the future could in the med-ium term be quite bright,", Mr

Mr. Derek Hicks, president Consett Chamber of Trade and a newsagent, admits that some of his members are slightly concerned at the effects of the job loss, but again the emphasis is on the chamber's doing everything it can to attract new industry. The mood of the people of Consett is one of acceptance of an unpalatable fact of life and

determination to

A saloon car crushed by a tree that was blown down in

yesterday's gales. Six other cars in York were damaged. Gales havoc on land and at sea

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Three men were rescued by
a naval helicopter when their
coaster ran aground on the
South Devon coast. The 420
ton Heye-P, carrying china clay,
grounded at Prawle Point and
Salcombe lifeboat was launched
The helicopter fire the craw Winds in the north of Eng-land and Scotland reached between 79 and 80 mpn and in Ireland gusts of more than 100 mph were recorded by the Meteorological Office at Mallin Head on the north coast of Donegal. All ferry crossings between Northern Ireland and Scotland-were cancelled.

The cargo ship Manor Park, shandoned by her crew 50 miles off the Type was drifting last night towards an oil rig pumping station with 19 men on

Five people, including a woman, had been winched to safety by helicopter from the 500-ton vessel earlier in engine trouble in heavy seas. -The Manor Park was about

was said to be about only five

The helicopter flew the crew to the Royal Naval, air station Culdrose, Cornwall, for medical treatment. Brixham coastguard

said: "The vessel is a wreck and is breaking up".

fishing port of Buckie was in mourning after the presumed loss of the Banfi-registered trawier Ocean Monarch with a

crew of seven.

The small north-east Scottish

More than a million Radio 4

Droitwich, which serves Eng-land and Wales, collapsed

Bedfordshire and Herriord-

or six miles away.

Services on some London Underground lines were badly disrupted yesterday by a 24-hour unofficial strike by drivers over back pay.

The numbers of trains on the line of the line by the line of the li 10 miles from the pumping station when she was aban-doned, but five hours later she

By Our Labour Staff

Piccadilly, Bakerloo and Jubilee lines were reduced by half.
Services on the Central line

were cut by more than a quarter, and those on the Hammer-smith City branch of the Metro-politan line by a fifth. On the Northern line services were cut by a quarter in the morning but improved by the evening peak hour.

the strike, originally called by drivers leaders at six of the 33 depots, mainly involved members of the Associated Society of Locomorive Engineers and Firemen. Some drivers are angry that

Some drivers are augry that they cannot expect to receive tive member responsible for this week the full amount of the Underground, said last back pay due from an award hight: "We understood the made in July and backdated to men's anger, but we felt this April... as originally planned. action would not help". He One flattrate sum has been paid had had no reports of plans to and another is due, but a repeat the strike.

some services by half

reached yesterday by shop stewards representing more

minority of higher-paid drivers. Aslef say, will have to wait until January for sums of up to £100 a week.

The difficulty grose because the unions at London Transport asked earlier this year that the backdated same be paid to each individual according to his earnings instead of an average across the board. The payments have been delayed by the time taken to adjust the payroll.

London Transport said last night it was not yet able to

night it was not yet able to estimate how many drivers or how many depots had been involved in the dispute, but it expected services to be normal

today.
Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of Akler, ball earlier appealed to his members not

to strike.
Mr Edward Miles, the execu-

Civil Service jobs threat over pay demands

By David Felton

Labour Reporter The spectre of job cuts in the Civil Service if pay settle-ments are higher than the cash limits fixed by the Government was raised by senior civil ser-yants last night.

its threat to shed as many as 15,000 jobs at Port Talbot and Llauwern.

The unions, including the Transport and General Workers Union and the National Union of Mineworkers, have given the corporation until the middle of January to suspend any cutbacks for two years while an inquiry is held into the company's marketing strategy.

The demand is backed by a call for the immediate resignation of Sir Charles Villiers and his top executives.

Mr George Wright, generar the goahead to start negotisting at the meeting that the working pounds. The Government plans to announce in advance of pay settlements, the first of which is due in the Civil Service next April, the global amount of money available for pay increases, in an atempt to hold down sertiements. Any cuts would be in addition to the 40,000 job reductions appounced by the Government recently.

Sir Anthony Rawlinson, second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, told the first meeting of the Commons Trea-sury Select Committee: "It is possible, although I would not suggest that it is particularly likely, that the global estimates might not provide in full for the pay settlements, in which case adjustments would have to be made through numbers".

He said the global figure would be fixed after ministers will had seen the reports of the Pay Researth Unit on the rises that white-coller civil servanes should ket to keep up with comparable employees in the

Sir John' Herbecq, Second Permanent Secretary at the Civil Service Department, told the corminee that the decision to announce a global figure left the Government with all options open. He said it was possible for the Government to withdraw up the pay research exercise but it would be at a price; it: would have some effect on our industrial relations.

Whiteball Brief, page 4

Prices must include VAT

The Government intends to outlaw the practice of quoting prices exclusive of VAT.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Mins-ter of State for Consumer Affairs, amounced in a parlis-mentary written reply vesterday, that a draft order dealing with VAT-inclusive pricing will be laid before Parliament as socal as possible.

SOTHEBY'S SPRING ISLAMIC SALES

The next series of specialised sales of Islamic interest will be held from Monday 21st April to



Wednesday 23rd
April 1980.
The Normation Granada, gold despite a new of Mohammed IN 1437-9, soid on the Outside print of the Carober, 1979, for all 700. April, 1980. Islamic rugs and carpets, arms and armour, coins, Oriental miniatures and

manuscripts, ceramics, glass, metalwork, textiles, woodwork, Qajar enamels and lacquer can still be accepted for inclusion in these sales. The closing date for the consignment of property is 15th January, 1980.

Enquiries should be made to Margaret Erskine.

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IRA kills ninth prison officer this year

The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the murder resterday of the number prison officer this year, bringing to nearly 2,000 the number of dead in the past 10 years of civil Mr William Wilson, aged 58,

was shot just after 1 pm as he walked from Crumlin Road juil to his local club on the junction with Century Street. He is the seventeenth prison officer to die since the IRA declared them to be "legitimate targets" three years ago in support of political status for terrorist offenders. Since the summer of 1969 resterday were that the pro-1,992 people have died. The posed constitutional conference

By Michael Hatfield

Demands for the Government

to end the secrecy over the safety of nuclear reactors were made last night by an all party group of MPs who tabled a Commons early day motion.

It comes on the eve of a

ministerial statement outlining

the Cabinet's decision on the siting of new nuclear power

The motion draws attention to the recent nuclear accident reports. at the American Three-Mile Mr

Island nuclear station, the cracks found in the new French

reactors and the continuing safety difficulties with the British in the

over safety of reactors

first soldier killed was on October 5 that year, when the num-ber of troops in the province was 8,000, compared with was 8,000, compared today's total of 13,500.

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secre-tary of State for Northern Ire-land, yesterday visited the scene near Dungannon where four soldiers were killed by a land mine on Sunday. He said the IRA could not hope for victory through violence. "They have no respect for human life. They are not interested in political advance or in Constitutity", he

Despite unease within the "loyalist" community the signs

It calls on the Government

immediately to release the full

reports by the Nuclear Power Inspectorate, the Nuclear Power Company and the Central Electricity Coneraring Board, so that MPs may be assisted in making a judgment.

MPs and environmentalists

have made strong complaints that the authorities have refused to publish their

Mr Leo Abse (Labour, Pentypool), one of the signa-

tories, said lass night that

reports were available United States

begin on January 7 at Stormont. The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party Democratic Unionist Party leader, said any agreement from the conference would be put to a referendum in Ulster. He claimed to have received an assurance from Mr Arkins that leads to the conference of the confe that Irish unity and powersharing on the old executive model would not be discussed. If they were, the Democratic Unionists would walk out, he made clear,

Mr Atkins said last night:
The terms of reference have
not changed. They are exactly as laid down in the working Leading article, page 13

MPs seek end to secrecy

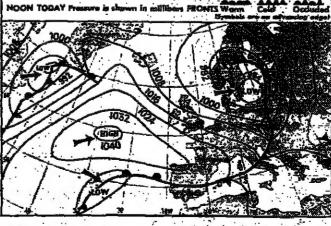
strike ended vesterday when employees at Northfleet in south-west London, and Silvertown, in East London, the two terminals which had not re-

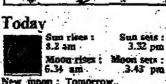
Last two Shell terminals go back to work The Shell tanker drivers'

turned to normal working, agreed to do so. At the height of the three

week dispute over contract labour, 34 of the company's 45 terminals were shut down. The company has refused a Transport and Ceneral Workers'. Union's demand to put to arbitration the question of how much use should be made of outside contractors. But it has streed to continue joint discus-

listeners were left without sound when the transmitter at Weather forecast and recordings London-bound drivers on the M1 met strong cross-winds in





New moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.22-pm to 7.32 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.39
am. 6.8m (22.4tt); 12.59 pm,
6.7m (22.0tt). Avonmouth, 6.18
am. 12.5m (41.0tt); 6.34 pm,
12.6m (41.4tt). Dover, 10.3 am.
6.4m (20.9tt); 10.30 pm, 6.5m
(21.3tt). Hull, 5.6 am, 6.9m
(22.4tt); 5.30 pm, 7.1m (23.3tt).
Liverpool, 10.21 am, 9.0m
(23.4tt); 10.39 pm, 8.9m (29.2tt).
A decreasion will move away A depression will move away towards Scandinavia, leaving a Ny airstreem across all parts. Forecasts for 5 am to midnight:

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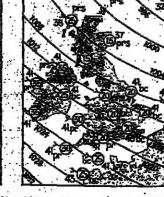
or sleet in N areas: on Thorsday.
Sea passages: S North Sea:
Wind, W or NW: strong to seydre
gale; sea very rough.
Strait of Dover, English Channel
(E): Wind, W or NW: Strong to
gale; sea rough or very rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:

E. NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Suring intervals, wintry showers with mow on hills; wind NW, strong to gale,

hills; wind NW, strong to gale, but locally severe gale at first; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

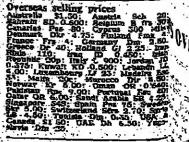
Channel Islands, SW England, S Wates: Sunty intervals, wintry showers; wind NW, strong to gale; max temp 6° to 8°C (43° to 46°F).

Outlook for temorrow and Thursday: Sunny periods and wintry showers, addit frost, rain or sleet in N aress; on Thorsday.



Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6. pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 pm to 6. am, 8°C (46°F). Rumidity, 6 pm, 6.0i in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.0i in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1m. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,006.6; millibars, rising.



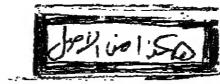
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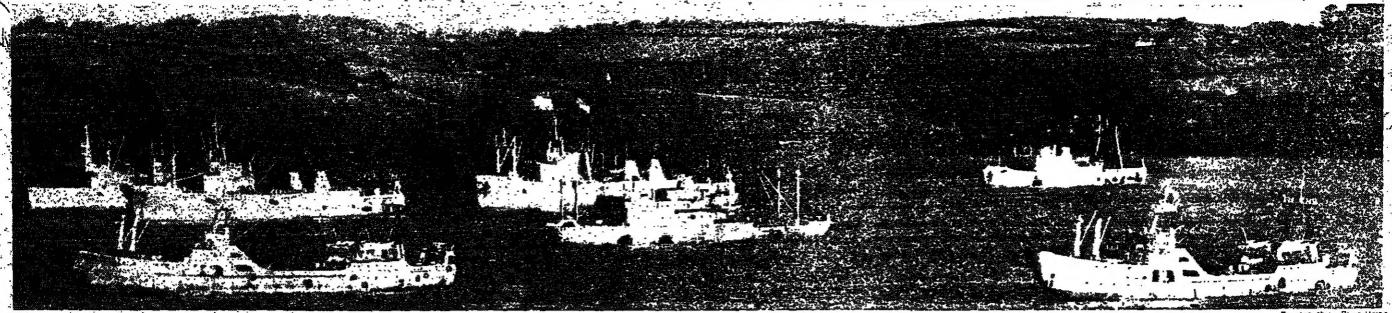
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IOME NEWS.

The same of the sa



professionals sail in: It ks like an invasion fleet, and a way it is. Cornish waters in d-winter are rich in shoals of mackerel, and hundreds of hermen from several countries ve collected to reap the har-. st (Trevor Fishlock writes). ets and Englishmen, Russians, manians, Bulgars, Poles, Ger-

mans and Egyptians are there for the mackerel hunt; and Fal-mouth folk are making some much-needed money from this annual meeting of international fishermen. At sea the invasion worries local

men. They fear that large-scale fishing with modern methods will wipe out West Country mackerel stocks in a few years. Past lessons, they say, are not being heeded and they cite the overfishing that has ruined herring stocks in northern waters and elsewhere. On land, however, the shop-keepers of Falmouth are ringing

their tills while the mackerel

gather. The crews of foreign

and they return to their vessels from forays ashore in boats laden with carpets, toys, clothing, drink and lingerie. Some shops even advertise women's underwear in Russian. The question being asked is: How long can it last? Mackerel

ships are enthusiastic shoppers

past few years. It used to be carried on primarily by local men in small boats using traditional hook-and-line methods. Later the scale of fishing was increased with the development of midwater trawling, but local men say they struck a balance between fishing in West Country waters conservation and good business.

from Scotland and the east coast has changed the picture. They can make huge catches in just one cast of a net and they have been coming after the Cornish mackerel to help to repay the large investments made in them. The vessels, which have to fish on a large scale, feed the

mackerel into the foreign factory ships, which freeze or can the fish or process them into fish meal.

trawlers" are super banned from inshore waters. But. local men representing 2,000. fishermen in the West Country want the limit widened from three miles to six

Celebrated,

cultivated,

Opponents of Stansted expansion ay they will fight all the way

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The Government's choice of insted for an expanded sirt for London was a furthoroughly dishonest college Stansted by

ampt to enlarge Stansted by nited' expansion into an port of almost limitless ", Mrs Susan Forsyth, cam-go organizer of the North-n Essex and East Hertfordre Preservation Association,

We have listened to the rernment's statement with a sture of anger and disgust",

As we face the task for third time in 14 years of ling tens of thousands of inds to make representationsv can we be confident of a outcome when the case inst developing Stansted has ce been proved, but over-ed?"

thousands of people whose lives will be ruined by noise "Homes will have to be found for more than 50,000

people connected with the airport, and what was once a delightful rural area will become highly urbanized." Mr Derrick Wood, chairman of the Defenders of Essex and

vice-president of the Sheppey Group, in Kent, said: "I am delighted to know that Maplin I can only feet sad for some

of the people around Stansted, but the Government has come yet another public inquiry, to the only possible decision."

v can we be confident of a Mr Neil Matthewson, chairoutcome when the case man of the Gatwick Area Conare pleased that there will be no second tunway at Gatwick.

Ars Forsyth said that the But the decision to describe the decision to describe the decision to describe the proposals would be the proposals all the vir Richard Miles, vice-chair-

man of the association, said: aircraft have no prospect of SWEEDS. The loss of 20 homes does genuine relief. not sound much, but there will Sir Horace Cutier, leader of be no compensation for tens of the Greater London Council, which has favoured the develop-ment of the Maplin site, said "The decision, or lack of it, is disappointing. We do not agree that Stansted is cheaper than

> Mr Norman Payne, chairman Mr Norman Payne, charman of the British Airports Authority, welcomed the decision, commenting: "The case for developing Stansted emerged on merit after independent assessment. On grounds of cost, timing and land-take, it has applied to the cost of the cost o

sumificant advantages".

Headbrow is to have a fourth terminal, and Mrs Evelyn Arlee, chairman of the Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Groups, said: "This is not a it does not answer any of the problems.

"Congestion around Heath-row is already bad enough, and with another 12 million people a year using the new fourth terminal, things will become impossible." Leading article, page 13

pumps cannot register prices of more than 99p a gallon. Half-price posting has brought muddles and anger.

Petrol is already supplied to garages in Erres, so the change should make for smoother

allowed home errer treatment.

Firement took an hour to control the fire. At one stage it spread to the roof of another house.

About 150 people in right cluthes were evacuated from an 18-storey black of flors in 18-storey black fire house out.

Plymouth when fire broke out early yesterday, injuring a

Residents of Chichester House went to a temporary reception area in a local hotel while firemen with breathing

Three die as fire hostel

Three children died in a fire in a hostel for battered wives in Manchester on Sunday tright. The children were in bed when the fire broke out at the home, in Stockton Road, Chorlton. Police said two beds in a first-floor room had been badly

burnt. In another fire Stehen Rudd, aged three died at his home in Darkington, co Durham yester-

day.

His two brothers and an elder sister were saved by their mother, who escaped after passing them through a bedroom window to neighbours.

The child's body was found in the two-storey terrace council house, in Ingleby Moor Crescent.

Mrs Mery Rudd, eged 26, was in the house with her daughter Kathleen, aged five and her sons, Stephen and Jason, aged Darlington police said Mrs

Rudd jumped to safety siter rescuing the children. They were taken to hospital and trested for sbock, but were allowed home after treatment.

while firemen with breathing apparatus fought the fire.
Police said the evacuation was ordered after the fire started in a flat on the tenth floor. Mrs Jean McCormack, aged 61, was found unconscious in her smoke-filled lounge and raken to the Royal Naval Hospitzl, Stonehouse, with barns.

senger services, Mr Fowler said: "I have always made it clear that it is my firm policy that there should be no sub-

stantial cuts in the passenger rail network".

are some undodgeable decisions in this business; invest-

ment must be more or the

network must be less—it will be that brutally simple soon. "Choices will have to be made, priority choices. I unterly believe that railways

priority to be sustained in the oil-needy future."

But Sir Peter said: "There

British social mobility and class structure analyzed

Reaching the top is as hard as ever but a service caste has developed

By Ian Bradley

Fewer people fall down the class ladder and more climb up it than they used to, but the relative chances of people from different social classes reaching the social classes reaching the social classes. ing the top have remained virtually unchanged during the past 60 years. Those are the main conclu-

Mobility Survey, the first de-tailed results of which are to be published by Oxford University Press on January 10. The survey, carried out by sociologists at Nuffield College,

Oxford, is based on data collected from interviews in 1972 with more than 10,000 men aged between 20 and 64.

The main evidence from the

survey is to be presented in a book entitled Social Mobility and Class Structure in Modern Britain, by Dr John Goldthorpe. It shows that there has been considerable upward social mobility in Britain in the past changes in the occupational structure. That has led to the development of a new social formation in the mid-twentieth century—a service class.

Dr Goldthorpe feels that the term "service class" is a more

accurate term to describe those in managerial, professional and administrative occupations than the cold description. middle

Man died after

punch on jaw

o punch him on the jaw.

Walter Hallas so feared going to a dentist for treatment for

toothache tha he asked a friend

Bu when he was hit, he fell

struck his head on the ground and died six days late as a

result of fracturing his skull, an inquest in Leads was told

asking for

vesterday.

class.".

The service class has re-cruited widely from those born

into the working class. As a result, it has become highly heterogeneous, or a "class of low classness". The working class, on the other hand, while becoming a smaller proportion more widespread access to secondary and higher education, but the persistence of considerable relative inequalities of of the population, has become more homogeneous, with fewer people coming into it from educational opportunity in the first three-quarters of the twen-

other classes. consequence, Dr Goldthorpe sees the cultural and social distinctiveness of the middle classes more threatened than that of the working classes. He also notes that the upward mobility of the working class has not roused any great discon-tent among those who have been left behind.

The study suggests that the relative chances of those born into the working and middle

ciasses of ending up in the ser-vice class may change to the detriment of the former. It concludes: "If one antici-pates a rather bleak economic future in which competition for higher-level class positions in-tensifies, and in which the re-sources necessary for setting social policies against class insocial policies against class in-fluence will be harder to muster than before, then a decline in openness would seem to be a particularly high probability. Egalitarians do not in fact have any easy options available to them."

Halsey and orbers of the educational data collected from the Nuffield Social Mobility Survey demand for education from the advantaged classes is saturated.

underrated and funny is also being published on January 10 under the title Origins and Destinations. It shows a similar picture of By a Staff Reporter

class had roughly three times the chance of the working class of obtaining some kind of selec-

be reaching a stage where the demand for education from the

were absent in that case.

He was satisfied that when

the boy went to live at the Siddall's home in Linkside

Bretton, Peterborough, Cam-bridgeshire, in November last year, the couple had good intentions of looking after him properly. Unfortunately, he was

clearly a problem child, requiring a great deal of sym-

pathetic understanding, and he

The court had been told that the boy frequently wer and dirtied himself and had to be

put back into nappies. The

prosecution said he was

a skipping rope, whinned with a leather belt, sbut in a dark

cupboard and locked out in the

in binerly

cold

did not get it.

Regular Savoyards amending the performance of The Gondoliers which opens this year's D'Oyly Carte Opera Company season at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London, tonight may notice so tething unfamiliar about that. celebrated, cultivated, under rated nobleman, the Duke of tieth century.

The study discloses that between 1914 and 1972 the service

After 28 years of playing the Duke and the other principal comic roles in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, John Reed has tive secondary schooling.
The relative chances of working-class children staying on at school until 18 and going into

left the company.

His successor, Mr James Conroy-Ward, is not a complete stranger to D'Oyly Carre audiences. He joined the company in 1973 after four years in the chorus at Covent Garden as an understudy to Mr Reed and he has sung the role of Major-General Stanley in The Pirates of Penzance since.

school until 18 and going into higher education lessened.
Professor Halsey's study concludes that the Education Act of 1944 brought Britain no nearer meritocracy or equality of opportunity. It flods that the tripartite system created great injustices for children of borderline ability.

The study is sceptical that comprehensive reorganization Like Robin Oakapple in Ruddigore, Mr Conroy-Ward is diffident, modest and shy off comprehensive reorganization will do very much to transform a class-stratified system into a the stage and is very conscious of the awesome responsibility he faces in playing the characmeritocratic system. It points out that privileged groups have made greater absolute gains from policies of expansion. he faces in playing the coaracters that were first created by
George Grossmith, the author
of The Diary of A Nobody, and
later developed by Sir HearyLytton, Martyn Green and
Peter Pratt.
In becoming the principal
comic with the D'Oyly Cartehe fulfile a beyond ambiging However, Professor Halsey suggests that the egalitarians can, perhaps, draw some comfort from the fact that we may

he fulfils a boyhood ambition. has been addicted to Gilbert and Sullivan from an early age His grandfather was a music hall singer who appeared on the same bill as Grossmith and

his father had been a boy soprano.

He played his first Gilbert and Sullivan role (Mad Murgaret in Ruddigore) while a pupil at Altrincham Grammar School and went to see D'Cyly Carte performances when the company went to Manchester. Subsequently he studied at the

Northern College Royal Music. Mr Conroy-Ward is an unrelenting purist and traditionalist when it comes to business on stage. Audiences will find few deviations from the time-honoured D'Oyly Carte practices although they may notice a new touch of sea-sickness and a hint of John Travolta about his portrayal of Sir Juseph

Porter in Pinuiorc. Mr. Conroy-Ward faces a gruelling schedule with a part in every opera in the D'Oyly Carte repertoire, although he does have an occasional night off when he hands over to his understudy, hir Alastuir understudy, Mr Alastuir Donkin, a former solicitor and mayor of Market Drayton, who has also fulfilled a bothood ambition by joining the D'Oyly

Conroy-Ward will no doubt be praying tonight that there is no repetition of two incidents which have bedevilled performances of The Gondoliers during the provincial tour which preceded the London

Season The first was when both he and Mr Donkin lost their voices. Mr Reed had to be hastily summoned from retirement to stand in for them. The second was when a piece of the spaghetti which is traditionally consumed by the Duke of Plaza became lodged in his nostril

Tonight Savoyards will wish

look rights ay ceiling proposed

a Staff Reporter roposals for ensuring that most popular authors do-cream off most of the ds available under the public ding right scheme were pubed vesterday in a consulta document from the Govern-

nder the scheme, which the ernment says in the docu-it it hopes to implement in 1982-83 financial year. tors will be entitled to payes their books are borrowed n public libraries.

s there is a danger that the popular authors may ree a disproportionate amount, consultative document sugfor should receive would be 00 out of every 11m availhe Public Lending Right places an upper limit of a year on the fund.

keep administrative costs low as possible, payments be based on a sample of ks lent in about 70 libraries sughout the country. At sent books in reference secis will not be included. he scheme will not be ited to British authors, lough that will be kept under iew at first Anthors will e to register their books in

er to be paid, and the docu-it estimates that by 1982 150,000 authors will be lible to register. looks with more than three hors will be excluded from scheme and only authors of original text will receive ments. Translators and illustross, for example, will be luded in order to avoid unnecessarily complicated

st be submitted by March

blic Lending Right, A Containe Document (Office of is and Libraries, Room 2/46, rabeth House, adon, SE1 7PH). York Road, urder charge

Michael Drew, aged 23, of the Close, Treherbert, ondda, was remanded in stody until next Thursday at prypridd Magistrates' Court nerday accused of murder-Miss Olwen Davies, a penner aged 78. at her home in lart Street, Treberbert, be-sen December 10 and 13.

Garages which text selling petrol in litres must continue to post the price a gallon in order to reduce possible confusion among motorists, Mrs Sally Oppenheim Minister fr Con-sumer Affairs, announced esterday.

A voluntary, programme to

Lords to decide on David Frost tax issue

The Inland Revenue began in the House of Lords yesterday its last attempt to get an income tax assessment on £174,000 of the United States earnings of David Prost, the television personality.

Mr Frost has won rulings from Tax Commissioners, a High Court judge and the Court of Appeal that he is not liable to be assessed for income

liable to be assessed for income tax on the money

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, for the Inland Revenue, told the House of Lords yesterday that in February, 1967. Mr Frost, who wanted to work in the United States while remaining a UK resident, bought a Bahamian shell company. Leander Productions Ltd. His concern was to minimize his tax liability on his United States earnings.

It was arranged that Mr

It was arranged that Mr Frost would receive 95 per cent

puted sum was his share of the

Without the Bahamian part nership. Mr Frost's earnings in the United States or the United Kingdom would have been taxable, counsel added.

right.
The hearing continues today.

ears over Scotch imports

am Our Correspondent.

Concern that the rapid growth exports of bulk malt whisky, terially to Japan, could eaten many of the industry's 000 jobs was expressed by legares at a one-day conferce in Glasgow yesterday. It is called by the Scottish IUC. uch has urged Government drictions on malt exports. Mr Gavin Strang, Labour MP Edinburgh East and Oppaion spokes rap on zericulture d the Scotch w hisky indussaid too many international reements stood in the way of

a government ban, but he believed pressure should be put on the industry to the point of industrial action:

"The position is not encour-aging" he said. "We want to get to the position where whisky leaves Scotland only in the bottle."

Mr. John McColl, a member of the Scottish TUC working group on the industry, said that they had to protect the name. Scotch "if the industry was

not to be destroyed. The conference decided that discussions between the industry and unions should continue.

Garages must continue to show prices in gallons By Peter Waymark convert pumps from gallons to

Motor Agents Association, which represents independent garages, and the oil companies. expected to start in the middle of next year. Adapting the 100,000 pumps now in use is expected to take until the end of 1982. The change to litres has been caused by the fact that many

The system would ensure fair competition and leave motorists in no doubt what they were getting for their money, she added. Mrs. Oppenheim will start consultations soon with trade and other motoring interests:

BR needs £30m to avert decline, Sir Peter says

There will be an accelerating deterioration in British Rail's services unless investment is increased by at least £30m, the chairman, Sir Peter Park, says in an interview in the latest issue of International Railway

But in the same issue Mr Norman Fowler, Minister of Transport, says that with in-vestment at £400m a year he is not convinced that the railways' future is at risk. Asked about cuts in pas-

of the company's profits. No profits for 1969 to 1972 were brought back to the United Mr Frost had so far suc-cessfully contended that the dis-

profits of a trade or business partnership controlled and managed abroad and therefore, not liable to United Kingdom

Mr Frost contended that because the parmership company was outside the United Kingdom, that altered the whole tax position. That could not be

case go to hotel for night

Jury in 'vetting'

By Heary Stanbope
Defence Correspondent
Ministry of Defence files on
the Yangtze incident of April,
1949, when HMS Amethyst was

fihed by Communist Chinese batteries, will be opened to the public for the first time at the

ublic Record Office on Jan-

uary 2.

The files, which cover the attack and the Amethyst's break-out to rejoin the fleet, are

The jury in the trial at the Criminal Court of four people who, the prosecution said, were part of a band of would-be anarchists, retired yesterday to consider its verdict and last night was sent to an hotel for the night. It will resume considering its verdict today.

The trial opened 58 days ago with much publicity after disclosures that a panel of 93 potential jurors had been secretly vetted. The four have denied conspiracy to rob. Judge King Hamilton, QC. described the disclosure as irresponsible, discharged the panel from serving for that trial, and ordered that a fresh panel be

selected and given a similar He also asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to investigate the circumstances in which confidential information about the vetting was leaked to the

HMS Amethyst files to be opened to public being made available under the stages of the Berlin airlift.

30-year-rule.

Under the Public Records Act, 1958, government depart-ments have to select those

material.

Other papers on view for the first time include those relating to the planning for the Canber-ra bomber; the development of an automatic ejector seat for the RAM; the Corfu Channel-incident with Albonia in Octo-ber, 1946, after two destroyers, HMS Saumarez and HMS Vol-age, were minded with heavy loss of life; and the early

Modern recitals cancelled because of losses By Our Music Reporter

The series of modern music concerts at the Festival Hall. aproduced earlier this year with special subsidies through the London Orchestral Concerts Board, has been cancelled by the Arts Council because of the high cost.

Concerts announced for next May, which included the British premieres of Stockhausen's lubilee, music from Le Grande Macabre, by Ligeti, and works by Sessions and Petrassi, will be replaced by concerts of more popular pieces. A budger of £38,000 was

allowed for the first series of four concerts last March, but they lost £52,000. Next year's series might have cost more than £70,000 and the council's music panel decided that there were better ways of using the available funds.

Suspended sentence for dead boy's stepmother

a bath of icy water, left Birmingham Crown Court yesterday after being given a suspended

Mr James Walker, the corner, recorded a finding of accidental Dr Michael Green said that the cause of death was bruising and swelling of the brain and bleeding around the brain.

Gary Anderson, aged 16, also a market worker, said he re-fused to hit Mr Hallas when asked on November 2. But a workmate, Mark Waldron, aged 18, eventually did so. He told police that Mr Hallas, aged 26, said: "Go on, it won't hurt." Det Chief Inspector Gerald Smalley said the matter had unterly believe that railways been reported to the Director can make a case that we are a of Public Prosecutions, who had advised agains criminal proceed

papers thought worthy of

permanent preservation
The Ministry of Defence,

which generates more paper

work than most other depart-

ments, employs a staff of more

than thirty to select the

The stepmother of Dale features as broken bones and Siddall, aged four, who choked severe internal injuries, which to death after being ducked in were often to be found in instances of extreme cruelty,

prison sentence, Mrs Joanne Siddall, aged 25, mother of three children, who

mother of thrie children, who on Friday was convicted of wilfully ill-treating the child, but on the direction of Mr Justice Forbes was found not guilty of manslaughter, was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years. The judge said that it was

plain from reports that she was a very good mother when dealing with other children.

But Geoffrey Anthony Siddall, Mrs Siddall's husband and Dale's father, aged 30, who pleaded guilty to the boy's manslaughter, was jailed for four years. He also received a concurrent 18-month term for ill-treating the boy.

The judge said that such

Girl 'would be ill at ease'

The only girl in a class of boys would feel ill at ease and it could affect her education, a comprehensive school headmaster said at Croydon County
Court, London, yesterday during the hearing of a claim
brought by Helen Whitfield,
aged 14. against Croydon education authority. Miss Whitfield, of The Wend.

Coulsdon, is alleging that her former school, Woodcore High School, Coulsdon, contravened the Sex Discrimination Act by not offering her the chance to

CHRISTMAS

A BOOK TOKEN.

do woodwork and metalwork. Mr Michael Marland, head of Woodberry Down School, Fins-bury Park, north London, said that a solitary boy or girl in a class made up of the opposite sex would feel extremely un-No pupil who stands out

from the rest can be happy.
Mr Marland, called to give
evidence for Miss Whitfiled, said the skills learnt in a craft design course were an essential part of a good education.
The hearing continues.

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Couple's killer should be in jail for rest of natural life, judge says

From Arthur Osman-

Arthur Hall, aged 38, who was sentenced at Nortingham Crown court yesterday to life imprisonment for the murders of a young man and his girl iriend last Easter Sunday, was told by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones: "You should be incarcerated for the rest of your natural life".

The court had been told how he shor the young man in the back of the head from close range and later said: "I did it to put him out of his misery,

like I would a rabbit."

The judge told Mr Hall, of Hurst Farm Estate, Matlock, Derbyshire: "You, a man in normal mental bealth, destroyed normal mental health, destroyed these two young lives in circumstances of brutality and ruthlessness from which the human mind must recoil. These were most horrible crimes and I regard you as a highly dangerous man."

The judge added that he did

not propose to recommend to period for Mr Hall to serve, and continued: "I regard you as "so dangerous a human being that life imprisonment should mean precisely what it says."

He considered that Mr Hall should be held for his nevertile. should be held for his natural life " or until such time as your



Arthur Hall: ' highly danger-

Students remain at school longer in South

By Our Education Correspondent

portion of children aged 16 to 18 remaining in full-time education in different local authority areas are disclosed in a statistical bulletin published by the Department of Education and Science. They range from 42 per cent in the London borough of Brent to only 15 per cent in Gateshead.

The statistics, for 1977-78, also show a marked tendency for more pupils to remain in full-time non-rocational education the farther south they live. The staying-on rate, whether at school or further education colloge, starts at 20 per cent in the northern region and rises to 27 per cent in the South-east. The bulletin says that where there is a higher proportion of non-manual workers in an area increasingly worthwhile contrimore 16 to 18-year-olds take: CSE or GCE courses.

A woman arrested in last week's anti-terrorism round-up complained yesterday that police had ill treated and

assaulted her.
She said she was kept with-

out clothing for 24 hours and painfully manhandled and hit

by police officers. She was held for three-and-a-half days under

the Prevention of Terrorism Act, was released and has not

Mr Hall, married, with two Mr Hall, marries, with two teenage children, had pleaded guilty to murdering Lorraine Underwood, aged 15, of Cromford, Derbyshire, and Peter Thompson, aged 18, of Selston, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. After the clerk of the court

are physically incapable of being a danger to others, man

had obtained his plea to the charge relating to the girl, Mr Hall, standing and flanked by two prison officers, appeared to try to gouge out his eyes. to try to gouge out his eyes, but he was subdued and held by seven officers. After a short adjournment he returned handcuffed to two officers. Mr Philip Cox, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Hall had no history of violence, although there were two suicide attempts when he was 18 and 23. He had had experience with guns.

Last Easter Sunday the

Last Easter Sunday the couple went for a walk. They were not known to Mr Hall, although he had known the girl's mother. They walked from Cromford to where they met

their deaths. They were reported missing but the bodies were not found until the end of April. The girl's body was found buried under stones and covered with

under stones and covered with ivy and the boy's, also buried, was about 240 yards away.

Dr Alan Usher, a Home Office pathologist, found that the girl had been violently assaulted and hit with a large stone or shotgun. She had been sexually essaulted.

The boy had been shot twice with a .410 gun, first in the chest from four or five feet and second in the back of the head from within a foot. Mr Cox said: "Re might have survived the first shot if given imme-

the first shot if given immediate medical treatment."

Mr Cox added that since June 9, when he made a statement to the police, Mr Hall had spent most of the time apparently wandering about and wrestling with his conscience.

On June 9 he told his wife of his involvement. He unsuccessfully attempted spicials by taking 400 tablets. Three days later he gave himself up and said the shooting of the boy was accidental. He said he had been looking for rabbits, was by a wall, heard a noise, turned a wall, heard a noise, turned and fired, hitting the boy. The girl ran off and he ran after her. "I must have hit her with the gun", he had said.

TUC call to save centre for the disadvantaged By Our Education

the report recommends the development of a new system under which grades awarded in GCE and CSE examinations would be based on a common set of nationally agreed criteria related to specific levels of attainment and mastery of skills. Correspondent
The Trades Union Congress has called on me to reverse its decision to close the Centre for Information and Advice on Educational Disad-

vantage.
Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary
of State for Education and
Science, told the House of Commons last month that the fouryear-old quango had not fulilled the expectations raised at its foundation and that con-tinued grant aid from the Gov-ernment of £300,000 a year would not provide value for money in meeting the needs of

the disadvantaged.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, says in a letter to Mr Carlisle that he finds that claim extraordinary. burion in the area of educa-

Woman held complains of assault

Whitehall brief: Mr Channon causes consternation

Tories fail open government test

new cuts to eliminate what she described as "bureaucracy and waste wherever it is " at last Thursday's meeting of the 1922 Committee, a survey conducted by The Times has shown that some departments have failed to provide the 10, 15 and 20 per cent options for cuts for which she called in June. Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-

Mr Michael Heseinne, secu-tary of State for the Environ-ment, who likes to portray himself as an arch cutter, dis-closed last week that "the closed last week that "the department did not offer any more than the 9.9 per cent cut announced on December 6. "We did not do the 15 and 20 per cent options because Mr Heseltine said there would be a continuing review of func-tions", the official added, Sir Geoffrey Howe. QC, the Chancellor, seems to have acted in a similar spirit of indepen-

released by the Board of Customs and Excise at the request of The Times, the total aving of 42 per cent in the departments for which he is responsible (Treasury, Customs, Revenue and National Savings) would seem to be all that there is going to be because "there is no specific target for further savings, but ministers will continue to look for ways to reduce the cost of administra-

Those discoveries emerged as part of an inquiry designed to be the first test of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's open government policy. To test such a realize certain conditions are policy certain conditions are

First, the material sought should not be something the KGB has been after for several months. Secondly, it should be common to all departments so that an index of relative

Any meaningful comparison of the results obtained by pupils

impossible under the present system of grading according to a Schools Council report pub-

The report recommends the

The present norm-referenced system of grading, under which a set proportion of candidates

a set proportion of cantitates is expected to achieve a particular grade year after year, does not relate directly to quality and invites grading standards to float, with changes over time in the quality of the entry.

The report has been drawn

up by the Schools Council

Forum on Comparability, which

was set up two years ago. It was set up two years ago. it includes representatives of schools, universities, examining boards, the Schools Council, the Department of Education

and Science and the Schools

Employers, parents and other users of examination results were confused by what public examinations meant and often

attributed far too precise a degree of equivalence to exami-nation results.

Inspectorate.

in public examinations

By Diana Gaddes

ished today.

National standards urged

for public examinations



Mr Paul Channen: Off to a splendid start.

Thirdly, it should be a major issue of parliamentary interest", where an announcement has already been made, to qualify under the terms of the Prime Minister's open government letter of June 20. The Civil Service manpower cuts exercise fitted the bill perfectly. All 32 departments listed in the December 6 announcement were asked formally, under the June 20 letter, to release their 10, 15 and 20 per cent options: By noon yesterday 21 had

replied—three agreeing to the request (Civil Service Department, Customs and the Sta-tionery Office), two replying "not yet" (Education and Overseas Development), and 15 giving a flat "no". The Scottish Office compromised, disclosing round figures for the number of posts

and the amount of money to be saved at each level, but refusing to give details. The inquiry got off to a splendid start. Air Paul Chan-

For example, when employers

or universities required so many "O" or "A" level

"passes" at particular grades in unspecified subjects, they clearly assumed an equivalence,

in some sense, between different subjects at a given

grade. Yet what precisely that equivalence was was far from

Users tended to define

equivalence of grade standards within a single subject in terms of mastery of skills and

concepts. Thus, two candidates who had obtained the same

grade in a given subject, regardless of board, mode or

year, were expected to have attained the same mastery of

But even where two candi-dates had followed the same

syllabus, had taken the same examination papers and had attained the same grade, they

might have demonstrated quite

different achievements by hav-

ing answered completely different questions, or perhaps by

having answered the same ques-tions but having excelled in

that subject.

answers questions on open government in the Commons, roleased his ministry's documents without hesitation. That generous act caused tion in the rest of consternation Whitehall.

. The first line of detence wa members of information divi-sions relephoning the Civil Service Department to see il Mr Channon had actually done what The Times was claiming

The second, with two noble exceptions, was to dress up ways of saying "no". For connois-seurs of Whitehall secrecy here is a selection of negative replies and the reasons given

for them:

Agriculture: "The options were purely hypothetical, the decision has been made, and that is the end of the matter".

Treasury: "The Treasury declines to give reasons." (for saying "No"). Instand Revenue: "Our options are based on budgetary considerations and so they are ministerably confidential."

Employment Group: "Ministers do any feel it appropriate to dischose this information because the options are spectiality and include possible policy changes, some of which would need to be announced in Parliament."

Central Office of Information:

"The staff side have not had the information. I could not give it to them, and I have refused to

to The Times if I have not given it to them, and I have refused to give it to them?...

Export Credits: "The manpower exercise is a continuing one". Home Office: "After careful consideration the Home Office has decided that it is unable to let you have the information you have requested".

With the glowing exceptions of the Civil Service Department, Customs and the Stationery Office, Whitehall collectively has failed dismally the first test of the Prime Minister's open

of the Prime Minister's open be open about its own routine internal affairs, what can it be

Mr Boyson pitifully ignorant'

Correspondent

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education, showed a "pitiful ignorance" of universities when he suggested that the Government's new policy on oversens students need not lead to a fall in standards, Professor Geoffrey Sims, Vice Chancellor of Sheftield University, said in his address to the university court's annual meeting yesterday.

In times of economic stress universities must pect to bear their share of hardship, Professor Sims said. But seldom, ivever, had cuts of such magnitude been imposed; sel-dom had there been such a poorly defined higher educa-tional policy; and never had such action been based on "so curious a hypothesis". Sheffield University could

lose up to 12 per cent of its income because of the Government's decision that overseas students should be charged full cost fees, he said. Adult literacy: Government sup-port for adult literacy is to be

The report calls for a reducport for adult literacy is to be continued for at least a further three years, and 5500,000 is to be made available in 1980-81 for the development of an adult literacy and basic skills unit. Mr Mark Carksle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in the House of tion and rationalization of the diversity of syllabuses and ex-aminations and the creation of nationally agreed grade defini-Standards in public examinations: problems and possibilities (Central dispatch section, Schools Council, 150 Great Portland Street, Lon-don, WIN 6LI).

Board and the Final Selection

He claimed yesterday that the

committee set up by the commission had not carried out any analysis appropriate to the question of bias,

Mr Mays found that candi-dates from Oxbridge and private

schools, and men, were given higher Civil Service Selection

Board total marks on written tests than their individual

scores and ratings seemed to justify. He found even stronger "unsupported hias" in favour of Oxbridge in the subjective assessments of behaviour.

"These subjective judgments

cannot be viewed as valid measures of the candidates; indeed they may tell us more about the assessors than about

Vienna Dec 17.—Nato offered today to pull out 13,000 Ameri-can troops from West Germany

in exchange for the withdrawal from Eastern Europe of three Soviet Army divisions, cotalling

the Second World War. It would be the starring-point for a programme of reductions in manpower and arms sought by both sides in six years of diffi-

cult negotiations.

The initiative was described by Western diplomats as a determined attempt to break the deadlock in force-reduction talks in Vienna and to get an interim agreement signed soon between Naro and the Warsaw

Pact.

Nato officials hoped for a quick response because the proposal resembles a withdrawal plan tabled by the seven months ago.

The Nato offer was the key larger for a "larger than a file of the part of the part of the larger for a "larger than a file of the larger for a "larger than a file of the larger for a "larger for a "larger for a file of the larger for a "larger for a file of the larger for a "larger for a file of the larger for a "larger for a file of the larger for a file of the

element in a "large and tom-plicated " package of proposals passed to Warsaw Pact negoti-ators at an informal meeting here, they said. The withdrawal of 30,000

Soviet troops from Eastern Europe would provide a symbolic start for a thimning out process, the officials said. The Soviet Union has 31 divisions in East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The Neto package included proposals for a range of associated measures, such as dyance warning of manoeuvres

and troop movements and on-site inspections Communist diplomats said their first reaction was that the offer of an American pull-back of 13,000 men was

The Nato proposals replaced an original Western plan for a first-phase withdrawal of 68,000 Soviet and 29,000

rough two to one advantage for the West was justified because Warsew Pact manpower ex-reeded total Nato forces by about 150,000 men.

The Communist angonators

13,000 US troops to

Of men.

If accepted, the plan would said they hoped the new plan represent the first agreed pull would help to sidestep the distance by Rast-West forces since pure over Warsaw. Pact manpower figures that has stalled the Vienna talks for the past two years.

However, Nato officials said igreement on manpower igures was still essential even for a limited pullback of American and Soviet troops. Eventually, the two sides hope to agree on cors which would reduce each allisace to total ground forces of 700,000 men. Reuter. Henry Stanbope, Defence

Correspondent, writes: Nato needs to improve its com-munications systems urgently, to compensate for its relative shortage of many and equipment, according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of fanc's, Military Communications, 1979-1980.

In any future conflict the Soviet Union would put great emphasis on electronic counter-measures to disrupt Western forces, using information gathered through signals

intelligence.

Mr Raggett says R is viral for the West to develop equipment with electronic rounter-

ment with electronic rountermeasures as a result.

Pointing to two areas of
particular concern for Nato.

Mr. Raggert says one is the
need to develop a communications, command and control
system capable of surviving a
nuclear strack, so that a
retaliatory strike can be tarried
out. The other is the West's out. The other is the West's continuing inability to get to grips with the need for compatible communications, Jame's Mülitary Communications, 1979-80 (Jane's Publishing Company, £35):

Meet arms Nato offers to pull out Compromise formula ends Danish break Vienna deadlock crisis

non-stop negotiations, Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Frime Minister, won support for a revised version of his crucial economic austerity package and averted the fall of

nis government The latest Davish political crisis was brought on by the Government's insistence that componential provisions for the introduction of a compulsory productharing scheme for workers and a worker controlled investment fund should be passed as part of the overall package.

The main elements in the package include stringent price package actions stringent price and incomes controls, and in-creased corporation, wealth and property taxes. The economic democracy measures were the price the Trades Union Federa-tion has exacted from the Government for support for its incomes policy.
Unable to gain-support for

the economic democracy measures in Parliament, and thus facing certain defeat in the House, Mr Joergensen yes-terday performed a remarkable terday performed a remarkable about turn, dropping the measures, and compensating the dumbfounded unious by watering, down the current incomes freeze to allow for a 10 percent wage ceiling.

Although the news of the rouppromise agreement has been met with stony silence by the unions; the general rection in December is one of relief that fresh, elections have been

fresh elections have been averted.

The actual reply of the urcons is not known as yet but relations between them and the risling Sociel Democratic Party are likely to deteriorate. Whether the revised Bill will succeed in curing Denmark's ecomonic malaise is open to

French vote delays law on abortion

Paris, Dec 17.-The French Senate early today rejected a Bill making abortion perman-ently legal in France, only a few days before the temporary law expires. The Government meeting of senators and deputies to agree on a text acceptable to both Houses before the Christmas holidays.

The Senate rejection will have no effect on the continu-aron of legal abordions in France because the Netional Assembly has the last word, observers here said. Last month the Assembly voted to keep the law passed for a five-year trial period. It was unlikely to go back on a decision of less than three weeks ago and a new Bill is expected to be passed by the end of the week.

The Bill failed in the Senate when the Socialists, who wanted a more liberal law and wanted a more inverse law and abortions paid for by the social security system, voted against it. The present law allows abortions for women "in a dis-tressed condition" before the tenth week of pregnancy. Agence France-Presse.

Fireworks injure Italian

customs men

Forgia, Dec 17.4-Two Italian customs officers each had a leg amputated today after a haul of Christmas fireworks, seized in this Italian town, exploded as they tried to defuse them,

The fireworks, about 5,000 rockets and squibs confiscated over the past few days from illegal retailers in Foggla, apparently went off as the cusions men were dumping them into a river outside the town. Two other officers were also injured by the blast.—Reuter.

King's confusing role

Spain's contradictory foreign policy

the Prime Minister, flew off in opposite directions last week leaving the country constitutionally without heads of state of government for 24 hours, the situation was symbolic of post-Franco Spain's foreign policy: jet-paced, nor highly coordin-sied and with two main pro-tagonists in addition to the

orth Africa Last summer Sener Suarez visited Algeria and held ralks

with representatives of the Polisario (Saharan Liberation Front) about Moroccan efforts. to annex the former Spanish colony of the Sahara. That initiative was buried by subsequent efforts by Senor

Marceling Oreja, the Foreign Minister. to restore cosy rela-tions with King Hassan of Morocco. That King Juan Carlos is also

That king Jum Carios is also an important figure in Spanish foreign policy, is undeniable. His trips abroad have generally enhanced the prestige of post-franco Spain and have generated considerable good will. Yet there is frequently some confusion in the minds of his foreign hosts about his role as a constitutional monarch with paper. Equatorial Guinea's new

strong man Colonel Teooro.

Obyang Nguema, last week asked the King to underwrite the entire budget of his administration for the next five years.

From Harry Debelius Perhaps the fact that King Juan Madrid, Dec 17 Carlos receives such a request When King Juan Carlos of is a reflexion of his real authospain and Señor Adolfo Suarez, rity in the Spanish power the Prime Minister. How were in structured.

The King has been accused domestically of being used to further policies espoused by the ruling Centre Democratic Union (UCD) but such accusations do not seem to have much basis. For example, when Senor Suarez spoke to Polisario results, as in Spain's policy in North Africa.

Senor Suarez spoke to Polisario be said he did so in the name of the UCD, not as Prime of the UCD, not as Prime the King's last visit to Morocco, when an attempt was made to nullify the importance of Senor Suarer's Algerian visit, further

UCD policy?

It looks as if all three protagonists, the King, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, are acting with considerable independence, and this siluation means it is not easy for Spain to make itself under-

Even "official" Spanish foreign policy, as represented by the activities of the Foreign Ministry, is sometimes confus-ing, perhaps because it tries to be all things to all men. Spain's presence even as an observer. A an at the last non-aligned nations conference in Havana caused raised eyebrows in some chan-

ceries.
That surprise was justified, as confusion in the minds of all foreign hosts about his role as it developed, by plain talk from a constitutional monarch with Senor Suarez and Senor Creja virtually no power, at least on to Mr Grontyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, during his visit to Madrid last month. They made it absolutely clear that Spain considers itself a part of the Western world and would resent Soviet interference in Spanish decisions.

Test ban talks adjourn

Geneva, Dec 17.—The United States, Russia and Britain have concluded their eighth session of negotiations in two years here on banning underground would not comment on the nuclear tests, and adjourned chances of the survivor—a girl.—AP

Ountuplet survives Besancon, Dec 17.—Only one of the quintuplets, born prema-turely here on Saturday, was still alive tonight Doctors

Pornography bores most Danes

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen, Dec 17

The recent publication of proposals for a revision of Britain's obscenity laws came 10 years after the "liberation" of pornography in Denmark, an event not marked by any notice-able celebration or even reac-tion on the part of most Danes. Today the topic is somewhat passe and more likely to induce a yawn in the average Dane than any violent frothing at the mouth.

It was in July, 1969 that the Danish Parliament passed leg-islation lifting most restrictions on pictorial and literary por-nography. The Bill, based on recommendations by the permanent Danish Penal Law Commission in 1966, was the work of Mr Knud Thestrup, the Minister of Justice and a much respected churchgoing conserva-

Oddly enough, the catalyst for Denmark's pornography law reform was a ghost from an earlier — perhaps more ele-gantly lewi — era of por-nography, the England of the eighteenth century. It was the acquittal of the novel Fairty. Hill by the Danish Supreme Court in 1965 that ushered in Denmark's short-lived por-nography wave By 1970, cur-osity satisted, the wave ebbed and Danes hardly mention the phenomenon any more.

Perhaps it was the very lack tudes, however, many sexual of opposition to pornography offences, such as artempted take ensured its relegation to the unimportant. In Britain and the United States, where the reaction has been more violent, it has remained an issue longer.

Sales of pornographic books is Denmark peaked in 1967, at about 1,400,000 copies, while magazine sales ruse to about 50 cinemas licensed to show pornographic films in consumption has drastic.

Danish consumption has drastic are also licensed.

the first to "free" por Research carried out in Dennography?

The Danes and the Swedes, sky, an American sociologist, unlike their fellow Scan and others suggests that cornodinavians in Nosway and Fingraphy plays an important role land, have always been refor the sexually lonely or nowned for their free approach deprived. The researchers say towards relations between the it is difficulty to the control of the cont towards relations between the it is difficult to point to any sexes. Danes do not snigger damage caused by pornography pruriently about bodily functions and jokes are not so seem to be a hore. Experiments centred on the sexual centred on the sexual on people's reactions to porno-The 1960s were also a time graphy carried out by Professor of liberation and experimentation in other spheres. The 1970 revealed that two-thirds of liberature tation in other spheres.

divorce laws were reformed, of those divorce laws were reformed, of those sex education was made compulsory in schools and free graphy experienced little dillation and much boredom.

With the 1970s, the boom of apperimentation and liberalization and much boredom.

All available figures show a sharp decrease in most sexual offences in Denmark, including abuse of children, since the became a rather trifling freeing of pornography.

The minority interest Due to more related attitudes, however, many sexual offences, such as a steempted offences, such as a steempted to provide the control of th

Germans free wers under amin

In brief

Concorde breaks expectancy of their wives' 3-hour barrier

A British Airways Concorde files from New ork to London on Sunday in 2 hours 59 minutes 56 seconds. The average speed for the 2.516.7 mile flight was 1,172 moh. The previous record was

3 hours 6 minutes. Izil for train murder

Paul Carberry, aged 17, of Howat Street, Glasgow, was convicted yesterday at Chaster Crown Court of murdering Mr Jean Murray, aged 21, on a train carrying Scottish football supporters to Wembley in May. He was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure.

Five armed raiders escaped with £8,600 after a hold-up at the ticket office at Stockwell Underground station, south London, yesterday.

£8.000 Tube raid

, Artist dies

Sheila Fell, RA, who was described by L. S. Lowry as Britain's leading landscape arrist, has died after a fall at death rates of men and married her London home. She was 48. women, much higher than that

kicked the door in and arrested her and her friend. At Arbour Square police station, cast London, she said, she was stripped and given dirty blankets. After a day in custody, she said, she was given clothes, but not her own. When she refused to be photographed and finger-printed she was haid by her printed, she was held by her hair and face and made to look

a: a camera. Four policemen lifted her on to a table and she was held face down for een charged. Miss Valerie Greene, aged 31. fingerprinting. A policeman then slapped her face. of Bethnal Green, east London, said she was a supporter of the Hands Off Ireland campaign Miss Greene produced photo-graphs of bruises and abrasions organized by the Revolutionary Communist Group. Last week a friend, the wife of an Irishon her body, and a doctor's re-port giving details of bruises man in custody, came to stay

on her legs, chest, back, shoulders, head and arms.

tact with the IRA.

By David Nicholson-Lord Men determine their wives'

life expectancy by "transmit-ring" to them the risks and

stresses of their jobs, it was

suggested at a conference of the British Psychological Society

Mr Ben Fletcher, a senior lecturer at Hatfield Polytech-

nic, said an analysis of statis-

tics on deaths showed a strong

link between a husband's

occupation and his wife's life

expectancy. The explanation appeared to be the wife's in-

volvement in the psychological

climate created by her partner's job.
The findings were based on million

analysis of more than a million deaths during the years 1959-63

and 1970-72 as part of a Medical

Research Council project on suress at work. That produced

standardized mortality ratios"

for different groups of workers

and their wives, age-adjusted

death rates set against an average of 100, in which high figures indicate a low life expectancy.

The study showed an unexpec-

tedly strong link between the death rates of men and married

in London yesterday.

She is complaining to the police about her treatment, Scotland Yard said last night that any complaint would be investi-

Dublin-born Miss Greene, a former nurse, now a student 13 still held: Eleven people were still held yesterday after last week's raids (our Crime Reporter writes). A total of 24 people were held last Wednesday

An application for a writ of habeas corpus is to be heard today in the High Court on behalf of one of the 11, Miss behalf of one of the 11, Miss Jackie O'Malley, secretary of the International Tribugal on Britain's Presence in Ireland.

Men's jobs 'determine life between mea and single women in the same occupation.

The figures for steel erectors and their wives, for example were 164 and 159 respectively.

> Other ratios included: teachers, 57 (56 for wives); accountants, 88 (89); lawyers, 93 (98); Armed Forces, 147 (130); bricklayers and labourers, 273 Mr Fletcher said that factors such as social class, the bereavement effect after the death one partner, and the transfer of physical pollutants like industrial dust from husband to wife, did not adequately explain the link. Occupations in the same social class, for example, showed

large variations in mortality

Other ratios included: teacher

The conference was also told of an experiment by graduate students in the running of a house Points were shared earned by doing household chores and spent on leisure. such as going out for a meal. earn more than he spent each week. The result, according to Dr John Masterson, of Trinity College, Dublin, was a clean and happy household.

'No Oxbridge bias' claim by Civil Service denied the Civil Service Selection

By Our Education

Correspondent The selection of Civil Service administrators is unfairly biased towards Oxbridge candidates, according to a study of candidates' scores in Civil Service tests carried out by a former statistician in the Civil Service

Department. The study, by Mr Robert Mays, now a research fellow at Nuffield College. Oxford, was presented at a conference of the British Psychological Society held in London yester-

It contradicts the findings of procedure for the recruitment of administration, set up by the Civil Service Commission, whose report was published last week. The committee said that it was entirely confident of the commission's commit-

ment to fair competition and selection by merit. The reason why there appeared to be a bias in favour of Oxbridge graduates was because a higher proportion of Oxbridge graduates had firstclass degrees, and a higher proportion applied to become administration trainees.

Mr Mays based his report on

an analysis of data on 600 candl-

dates in the 1975 competition

for the recruitment of admini-

stration trainees, including

written test marks and exercise

ratings, subjective assessments of behaviour, and the final grade

assigned to each candidate by

"Among candidates of the same ability as measured by every test, exercise and subjective assessment of personality and intellect, those from Oxbridge have a better chance of selection in the final judgment", Mr Mays says.

the assessed.

The size of the Oxbridge bias could be quantified: decisions were to be based only on written tests and ratings made during selection, then in 1975 about 49 per cent of successful graduate entranta would have had an Oxbridge background. In fact, of those offered appointments 68 per cent had attended Oxford or Cambridge universities

Camel fall case adjourned

Dorothy Tutin, the actress, at the International Show Jump-will not know until next year ing Championships at Olympia whether she is entitled to com-in December, 1976, was ad-pensation for the broken back journed yesterday until Feb-she suffered in a fall from a ruary 11. camel during a charity event. An expert on camels is to be

three years ago.

The High Court hearing in half of Mary Chipperfield Prowhich Miss Turin, aged 49, is motions, who deny liability, seeking domages from the camel February 11 is the earliest date

owners, Mary Chipperfield Pro on which Mr Justice Countey motions Ltd, over an accident can resume the hearing. المكنا والأعمار

Danish consumption has drastic. are also licensed, ally fallen and it is estimated. Since 1974 all "live shows" that 95 per cent of Panish have been forbidden in Denpotrography is now produced mark add a law prohibiting the twith English and German sale of pornography involving that of the control of the phenomenon any more (with English and German sale of purnography involving the phenomenon any more (with English and German sale of purnography involving the out, introspective Lutheran What is pornography used sented to Parliament within the country like Democrack become for and what are its effects? next few weeks:

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Vine agree to reduce use of aerosol gas o protect ozone layer csusing incressed incidence of

rey cans.

The Nine will reduce the use CFCS in aerosol cans by 30 severely hit by use of the gas.

A considerable percentage of CFCS is used for aerosol propellant. The rest is used for the manufacture of refrigeration.

the gas, but other member res, including Britain, mainned that scientific evidence out the danger to the Earth's

lo appease Denmark and illand, it was agreed that the C should monitor the emergce of any new scientific dence and decide before the dof June, 1981, whether even icter controls on CFCS use

stat CFCS thins out the me layer and thus permits ire ultra violet rays to pene-

ent agreed here today on easures to reduce the threat the world's ozone layer from lorofluorocarbons (CFCS), the opellant gas used in aerosol ray cans.

The Nine will reduce the use CFCS in parasol cans by 30.

West Germany has three gas. Britain, France and Holland two each, and Italy one. In addition, there are some 200 small companies in Europe which buy CFCS and put it into cans, and they would be a han on the

nd the present level.

The Dutch and the Danes gued in favour of a total ban the gas, but other member.

The manufacture of refrigerators, foam rubber, air conditioning equipment and solvents.

The ministers, including Mr Tom King, Minister of State at the Department of the Environ-

out the danger to the Earth's ment, were also expected to me layer was still too inconsive to justify such draconstation.

To appease Denmark and lland, it was agreed that the light control of the Environment of the Enviro

The main resistance comes from the West German in-gineering industry, which uses whale oil as a lubricant, and from Italy's fine leather in-

Britain contends that satisthe titre violet rays to pene-factory economic substitutes to the Earth's surface, for whale oil are available.

tion to the west.

Iretons and Normans in ut-throat competition or favour of British kisses

distletoe, that magic source seasonal kisses, has become object of cut-throat competin between the Bretons and rmans, and all because of British marker. Jood British mistletoe has

ome increasingly scarce rause British fruit farmers ine this parasite out of their ale ochards rather_than let weaken the trees. For some irs now, mistletoe has been pped by the ton from rmandy to meet the British find an excuse for ristmas kisses.

Vistletoe invaded t rmandy orchards nearly irs ago, when the price of oles dropped so sharply that y were not worth the trouble

harvesting. When British buyers showed. interest in buying their ristmas mistletoe in Norndy, the farmers were happy supply it, cleaning their es and earning pocket money

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ded to collect it, paying for The transport and buying the little

iut the following year the tons began to invade the tish market and the price. 10 francs a crate. Last the Bretons sent over so just 1.67 france a crate.

xtremists kill

Rome ambush

t near a bus stop. Later the ce arrested four other

emists after a car chase and un battle in which one of

men was slightly wounded.

olice said the four men-

e accomplices who sided the ers to escape. They had con-

rong man

Portugal's local elections repeat swing to right

The modern Breton cuts it a

little earlier than that and he tends to use an axe rather than a sickle. As far as the Normans

are concerned, the mistleme has

become a symbol of the im-mortality of the mean Celtic

soul and of the eternal struggle in the market places of the

Lisbon, Dec 17.—Fortugal's centre-right Democratic Alli-ance today took nearly two-thirds of town councils in local ome. Dec 17.—A 24-year-old t, apparently mistaken for a wing lawyer, was killed by rt-wing extremists in a thern suburb of Rome today. elections. Unofficial final returns of olice said that the terrorists, were waiting in a parked fired pistol shots at the

Sunday's elections showed that the alliance of centre-right Social Democrats, conservative centre democrats, monarchists and dissident socialists returned mayors to 196 of the 305 town

The Socialists, already dis-heartened from their defeat in the general election, lost heavily ers to escape. They had conmed that the intended victim
Signor Giorgio Arcangeli,
awyer who has defended a
nher of leftists.—AP and Socialists, now control 50 town councils instead of 37.

last Germans free 22,000 risoners under amnesty stand that the East Germans

m Patricia Claugh in Dec 17 learly 22,000 people have in released from jail in East many under an amnesty to able to the West Germans who brete the thirtieth annivery to got the East German state.

ADN news agency reported ay.

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and to the very should be brighted themselves who they should be out.

Fears that the buying of prisoners had come to an end were partly dispelled last week.

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these were political prisoners
I what chances jailed dissiits now have of being resed to West Germany.
Vest German representatives

negotiating with the East rman government for some arrangement to continue ving out political prisoners.
n recent years Bonn has etly managed to get between 00 and 1,300 political pris-ers a year released and sent the West, sometimes in exinge for spies but usually for

the price, bargained over by a chilling form of cattleding is reported to have roacd between DM30,000 DM40,000 (£7,900 and 1,500) for each person with or her family. The figure ries according to qualificaus, age and other factors. During the last amnesty in 2, more than 2,000 of the 000 prisoners freed were owed to leave directly for est Germany. When this tr's amnesty was announced. East Germans called a stop the system and made it clear it any political prisoners uld simply be released with-

envisaged payment of a hump sum for a set batch of prisoners. This was unaccept-

when Herr Gunter Gaus, the West German chief representa-tive in East Berlin, said that talks on the matter were in

He gave a warning however, that any publicity about the negotiataions or about indivi-dual cases would seriously damage chances of success. For this reason it appears likely that any agreement would be

kept a close secret.

It is thought likely here that the subject will be discussed by Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and st and West German lawyers Herr Erich Honecker, the East a chilling form of cattle German leader, when they meet

early next year.

The reprisal: One of eight people who fled from East to West Germany by halloon last.

September told a press conference of the pres ence in West Berlin today that his sister and brother in law were now in prison in East Germany, having been errested there a few hours after the

spectacular flight.

The refugee, Herr Peter Strelzyk, said he would be swearing a legal oath later today that neither his sister Maria nor her husband, Herr tion control.

Repeating it will not be easy, attributed that change to a Dr Keckes is confident, how series of ecological near disasters in the region during ever, that the European disasters in the region during example will not be lost upon the past eight months. from more than 30 countries, Campeche Bay off the Mexican been a including Britain, when they coast was the most spectacular national meet for preliminary discus- of the eccidents. It was still dangers. Horst Stetter, had any know-ledge of the planned escape. The West was given to under- Agence France-Presse

OVERSEAS

Foreign press lectured on why Iran must expel 'Time' men Nobel man

Tehran, Dec 17

Mr Abolliassan Sadeq walked into the Iranian Ministry of National Guidance this morning with the pained expression of a headmaster forced at last to deal with a persistently unruly class: It was clear an expulsion

in the Persian language, con-tains an underground auditor-ium that looks uncomfortably like a school hall, and there we waited to hear the worst.

Mr Sadeg, Director of
Foreign Press at the Ministry,
took has place at a desk on a

small podium and stared down

small podium and stared down at us severely.

"I want to share with you a bit of agony we are going through with regard to the foreign media", he began hammer on the brain. The magazine has created some are expelling the entire Time wery irrational reaction on magazine crew from Iran."

It mattered little that the papole."

"entire" striff of Time in the country numbered just two. In the minds of many foreign correspondents, the Iranian weeks. Eight days ago Mr Alex arrives a day late.

the overseas press. This was not how Mr Sadeq saw things. There were more than 300 foreign journalists in Iran from more than 30 countries, he said, and they were free to travel and write what they wanted. But Time had gone tuo far,

or two was in the air.

The Ministry, whose disturbing title sounds less Orwellian magazine, one of which carried in the Persian language, conthat "America is the great Satan". Another copy carried an unflattering portrait of the Imam. Since the problem

hostages has come up." Mr Sadeq said, waving the latest Sadeq said, waving the latest issue of Time in his hand, "this has done nothing but arouse the hatred of the American people. The front covers have been like a hammer on the brain. The magazine has created some very irrational reaction on behalf of the American people."

expelled for allegedly distorting news of the rioting in the Azerbaijan provincial capital

The British have also fallen foul of Iranian anger. Ten days Enayar Ettehad, o National Iranian Radio and Television, was sitting in a London hotel watching BRC television news when he saw a report from Tehran about the condition of American hostages held in the United States em-

Mr Keith Graves, a senior BBC reporter, described in unpleasant detail bow the hos-tages had their hands bound with rope and were forbidden to talk to each other or receive news from the outside world.

Mr Ettehad immediately telephoned Tehran and instructed Iranian television to refuse BBC crews any further use of satellite facilities. For more than a week now—even though the American networks are allowed to beam programmes live into the United States from Tehran—the BBC has been forced to ship all its film unprocessed by air to London, where it usually

today that he had taken excepmon to four separate news reitem of contention is the BBC's Persian-language service, which has a wide audience in Iran. Mr Sadeq indirectly acknowledged this himself when he brandished a sheaf of papers and said that complaints about the BBC's Persian service were arriving in his office from "all

over Iran". The American broadcasting stations did not escape. Mr Sadeq complained that the Columbia Broadcasting System had compared the embassy students with the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gane, and that the American Broadcasting Company had interrupted an interview with the students with a State Department analysis "that would make any Iranian look like an idiot". Mr Sadeq was confident about his broadsides. He loudly referred to the fact that one of the Time correspondents had once worked for the American Central Intelligence Agency, "Yet still Liet him just Iran"

Yet still I let him into Iran", press coverage, a gut reaction e said.
He was referring to Mr Bruce rather than forethought.

research officer in Washington for the CIA in the late 1950s. However, since Time has just secured an interview with Avarollah Khomeini-the magazine will apparently make him their "Man of the Year"—Mr Van Voorst is not likely to worry too much about Mr Sadeq's remark.

To be fair to Mr Saden, there has been no foreign press cen-sorship in Iran and overseas correspondents are allowed to travel where they wish and write whatever they want with-out "guidance" from the Ministry. At no time, for in-stance, has The Times been pre-vented from reporting on any Mr Sadeq's department has also just proposed a revision to Article 11 of the country's press

laws, the controversial clause that holds foreign correspon-dents responsible for everything that uppears in their newspapers.

But there is sometimes a pettiness about the Govern-ment's resoonse to overseas

will be invited for Tehran jury Tchran, Dec 17.-Mr Sean MucBride, the Nobel Feace

Prize winner, and a French law-yer. M Louis-Edmond Petriti. will be invited to take part in Iran's international tribunal to investigate espionage charges against the American hostages, Tehran radio said today.

Mr Sadeq Qorbzadeh, the Foreign Minister, has said the Government will appoint an international "grand jury " to investigate the "crimes" of the United States and the Shah. In Dublin, Mr MacBride said his participation would depend on the inquiry's terms of reference and on who else was involved.

M Petriti, president of the Paris Bar Association and of the International Organization of Catholic Jurists said in Paris that he would also have to know the conditions. Neither

Martyrdom theme in Iran's art

From Robert Fisk Tehran, Dec 17

Revolutions and civil wars rarely inspire great art. Picasso's "Guernica", Mexican revolutionary painting and perhaps two of the Soviet realist portraits of Legin are This year the Norman farm-ers tried to corner the market possible exceptions to this general rule.

by sending off their mistletce at the end of November. The Bretons had thought of that, Iran's revolution has been so sudden and so uncompromising that until now it has produced too, They sent over 36 tons in the week ending December 2 little more than wall posters of Ayatoliah Khomeini triumphing over the Sheb, a mixture of In Normandy in what is left of the mistletoe trade they speak darkly of the "dis-loyalty" of the Celtic popula-Breughel-like simplicity and comic strip allegory. -But the Tehran Museum of

Contemporary Art, a domed The Normans are still not reconcrete structure originally owned by the Pahlavi Foundayears Brittany has surged ahead with: its agriculture and has tion, has just opened an exhibition of Iranian revolutionary art taken the proud title away from Normandy of premier milk pro-ducer in France.

The paintings and sketches-many of them by university students but several by estab-The Bretons however, can claim that perhaps they were the first to export mistletoe to lished Iranian artists—dwell almost exclusively on the last days of the Shah's rule and the Britain. For it was there that the Druids, who regarded the mistletoe as sacred because it theme of martyrdom. Many are naive in content but others transmute European influence grew on oak trees; worked out the ceremonies which they later introduced into Britain.
On the eleventh night after the winter solstice the Druids. and traditional Iranian style into works of originality.

Attendance at the museum has doubled since the exhibition was staged and visitors include every age group. It is not diffie why.

canves that hangs just inside the foyer, a panorama of violent street demonstrations painted by Manocher Safar-



A five-year-old can under-side.
stand the imagery of the great For hundreds of years, martyrdom has been an essen-Zadeh in which imperial death of Imam Hussein, the soldiers, their faces laughing grandson of the Prophet who of Munch, confront hundrals mullahs, women, intellectuals and revo-followers.

In another panorama, this with pain as a king of socialism and the time by Alkhas, a Tehran Uni-into her stomach.

route.

rial historic theme in Persian art. Elsewhere in the museum, Kerbala. His corpse, shrouded in white and mourned by black-veiled women, is carried by his

figure of a marter while a Habib Sadeghi painted in secret before the revolution and one of his works contains all the borrors of a medieval Flemish triptych of hell.

It is not great art. Tormented bodies writhe in pain amid un-buried dead while men flee from the side of the picture. In centre, a woman screams with pain as a knife is thrust

migration to the cities, an historical event which ultimately turned much of the population aggiost the Shah

In a style strongly reminis-ent of Kokoschka, "Aligracent tion" shows a line of wraithlike men and women walking bopelessly across a dark land-Undoubtably the most strik-

ing work is by a female artist, Farah Notash. It bears no title but shows a group of women in black veils waiting for news of

their faces expressionless and their clothes—their

bodies-blown by the wind.

In the very centre of this dark child inside her voil. All that is visible of the infant is its tiny arm which reaches up towards the mother's face. The child is obviously wearing a crimson jacket but the arm appears blood-red. Iraniau painters, however,

have clearly experienced diffi-culty in keeping their bitterness mutarions are abandoned.

corpses. Less effective, though in their way more disturbing, are Bahram Palari's comic-strip paintings in which shrouded bodies hang in the sky, their throats running with blood while crude portraits of Dr Kissinger, President Carter and General Dayan depict them watching the Shab's female relatives entertaining their lavers.

It may be a while before such

The developments included

Sea trials are being held of

Embargo on maize shipments to Zambia ended by order of Governor in Salisbury From Nicholas Ashford

not reached in Rhodesia.

this is imminent now that

agreement has been reached on

tenced three supporters of Mr

had no further comment. How-

making it clear since arriving that the law concerning these proscribed organizations will be enforced until that law is re-

voked by the Governor.
Police have already ordered

the past eight months.

The runaway oil well at

sions at Caracas on January 28. leaking 5,000 barrels of oil a The Caribbean scheme has day and, in terms of oil spill-

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Italian

Move to clean up the Caribbean

ranean countries to cooperate yet to be worked out in detail, in controlling land-based pollution, but would include a pilot protion. Dr Stjepan Keckes, ject to control pollution in the director of the regional seas Bay of Havana and quite pos-

tion. Dr Stjepan Keckes, ject to control pollution in the director of the regional seas Bay of Havana and quite pos-unit of the United Nations sibly the establishment of a

Environment Programme, has centre for environmental set his sights on the Caribbean.

The Mediterraneau agreement, which is to be signed at the west ment, which is to be signed at that he was optimistic Athens in July, is one of the about the Caribbean profew success stories to date in gramme because he had sensed the field of international polluration control.

a ceasefire.

Salisbury, Dec 17

Lord Soames, the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, today ordered the removal of restrictions on the shipping of maize through Rhodesia to Zambia. Resumption of maize supplies to Rhodesia's beleaguered northern neighbour are expected to begin in two or three days.

A statement on the lifting of he maize embargo was released by Government House less than two hours before the announcement had been reached on a

ceasefire.
Salisbury placed an embargo on the supply of maize to Zambia on November 5 as part of a concerted strategy to put pressure on President Kaunda to ensure that the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance would be part of an agreement reached at the Lancaster House settle-

nent talks in London. Zambia provides bases and support for the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (Zipra) headed by Mr Joshua Nkomo, and President Kaunda is one of the five "front line" leaders who have been encour-aging the Patriotic Front to participate in a peaceful settle-

At about the same time, Rhodesian troops, penetrating deep into Zambian territory, blew up a rail bridge on the Tazara railway line which connects Zambia .

After persuading 17 Mediter-

the technicians and scientists

By Tony, Samstag

with the Tanzanian port of Dar the dispersal of a rally organes Salsam, thereby severing the country's only other main access ized by the Zapu wing of the Patriotic Front and raided Zapu's offices, but no Zapu sup-Because of last year's disasporters have appeared in coun trous harvest, Zambie is short of about 300,000 tonnes of

as a result.

The existing British South
Africa Police forces will conmaize, its staple food. President Kaunda has said that maize tinue to be responsible for maintaining law and order durstocks would run out by the end of February if a settlement was ing the transition between a ceasefire and elections. Lord Soames had come under Because of the Rhodeslan considerable criticism for failing to lift the maize embargo

police's paramilitary role, how-ever, a team of 18 retired senior British police officers has been brought in to observe as soon as he took over his post as Governor last Wednesthat the police are impartial towards the various political day.
The Governor still has not agreed to remove the ban on the Pacriotic Front and its two political components, Zanu and Zapu, although a decision on

At the weekend 15 of the officers, acting in groups of three, were sent to five provincial centres around the country. They will be responsible to Sir James Haughton, the Governor's police adviser. Today a Salisbury court sen-Meanwhile, the first indica-

Robert Mugabe's Zanu to eight tion that Lord Soames intends strokes of the cane each for to allow free entry by journa-taking part in an illegal pro- lists during the transitional cession, and 11 others received period became apparent today to allow free entry by journafines ranging from £17 to £40. with the arrival in Salisbury of A British spokesman said a journalist from Poland. He is Lord Soames had been made the first newsman from a comaware of what happened but munist country to have visited Rhodesia since the Unilateral ever, the British team has been Declaration of Independence in 1965. Several other journalists who had been banned by the previous Administration. ably from Scandinavian countries, have also been allowed

age, if not direct damage to

coastal areas, would end up totalling almost 600,000 tons,

the equivalent of two Amoco

There had also been two

Such accidents tended to

significant oil spillages in the

Caribbean from lost tankers near Tobago and Antigua.

create "psychological turning points" in the bureaucratic

1973-74 had made Europeans

aware of the appalling condi-

tions in the Mediterranean, and the Amoto Cadiz itself had

been a milestone in inter-

dangers of oil pollution.

perception of the

nind Dr Keckes said. The ralian cholera outbreak of

Mrs Thatcher welcomed to White House Continued from page 1

from a large crowd gathered on the White House lawn.

Welcoming the Prime Minister at the beginning of a two-day visit, President Carter said Mrs Thatcher and her Government had been in the forefront of those who had belped his country in every possible way from the first moment the hos tages were taken. To further applause from the crowd, he said the British were always staunch allies and staunch friends ' Mrs Thatcher, who was mak-

ing her first official visit to the United States since she became Prime Minister, wore a royal from a chill wind which brought the temperature well below freezing.

Welcoming ceremonies in Washington for heads of government and state are an occasion for American presidents to wax lyrical about the close ties between the United States and the nation represented by the President Carter has visitor. always been more effusive in his praise than many of his predeessors and today was no excention. It was to Britain that the

United States owed its heritage, political faith and civilization, Mr Carter said.

After her talks with Mr Carter and his foreign policy advisers at the White House, Mrs Thatcher was meeting Mr Harold Brown, the Secretary

of Defence. She travels to New York tomorrow to see United Nations officials, including Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, and to address the Foreign Policy Association.
Austollah firm: Ayatollah

hopes that the American hos-tages might be spared a spy trial (Robert Fisk writes from Tehran). Speaking in Qom, he appeared to contradict the Iranian Foreign Minister who yesterday suggested that some prisoners might be sent home for Christ-

mas Tonight the Ayatollah repeated his original demand. "Give us the criminal (Shah) and we will release the hos-tages", he said. "Otherwise we

Nuclear powered aircraft carrier for Soviet Navy From Richard Halloran

Washington, Dec 17

The Soviet Union is building four new classes of nuclear its first nuclear powered attack powered cruisers, one a 30,000-aircraft carrier, marking a ton vessel. The largest Soviet major step forward in Moscow's cruiser, at present, displaces plan to assemble a powerful 15,000 tons, deep water navy, according to Sea trials defence officials here. They said that the head of the Soviet navy, Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, recently acknow-ledged to American diplomats in Moscow that the ship was under construction. There had can vessel. been rumours. Naval experts said the ship

would be similar in size to the Would be sintiar in 1222 to the United States carrier Forrestal, which displaces 78,000 tons when fully loaded and carrying 85 aircraft. The Soviet Union 85 aircraft. The Soviet Union has two 43,000-ton carriers and two more are being built. The experts expected the Soviet Union to build four or

five of the large aircraft car-riers and to surround them with other warships to form battle groups, in the American manner, to project Soviet naval power anywhere in the world. Officials also disclosed other recent developments that add to the Soviet Union's transformation of its navy from a coastal defence force to a worldwide ocean going navy.

the Alpha submarine, which has a titanium hull allowing it to dive to more than 2,000ft—twice the depth achieved by an American submarine-and to steam at 42 knots, faster than any Ameri-Construction of a new class of large, heavily-armed logistics craft will enable Soviet war-

ships to operate far from bome without reliance on foreign There is heavy capital investment in the expansion and re-furbishing of shipyards, which is the most indicative of Soviet

intentions to expand its navy. Only about half of the present capacity of these shipyards is being used. To overcome the drawback of her ice-bound ports, the Soviet Union has built a 40,000-ton replenishment' ship, the Berezina,

as large as any in the American fleet and naval experts here say they have evidence that two more will be built.—New York Times News Service.

Warsaw Mass for victims of food price riots

tonight to honour the memory of Polish workers who were killed in food price riots tine years ago.

Police arrested Mr Adam Michoik, a prominent dissident historian, outside the Franciscan frien's church in an attempt Chomeini tonight diminished to silence the demonstration for the victims of the bloody

> Dissident sources said Mr Michnik was later released by police. He was the seventysixth dissident detained by police in a week-long round-up preceding the anniversary.

As unofficial opposition groups prepared for the memorials last week, police detained more than 100 persons. Some were released within the egal limit of 48 hours but most others were still in custody Dissidents had advertised the

Warsaw, Dec 17.-About 1,000 Roman Catholic service at the people packed a Warsaw church Franciscan friars' church as a requiem Mass for the workers who died in the rioting in Puland's Baltic port cities. The service turned out to be a normal Advent Mass, and the officiating priest made no mention of workers shot by police on orders of Poland's communist leaders.

After the Mass ended, a dissident stood up in church and called on Poles to cherish the memory of the dead workers Tomorrow, dissidents planned to lay a wreath at the shippard gate in Gdansk, where workers proclaimed nine years ago that they would fight against the food price increases.

Miss Anka Kowalka, speaking for the dissidents, said 14,000 posters were put up in Warsaw to advertise the Masses and wreathlaying ceremony.—AP

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From Charles Harrison Nairobi, Dec 17

The Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops in the Sey-chelles have issued a joint pastoral letter expressing concern about the situation in the islands; where over 80 people were recently arrested and detained after President Albert René announced the discovery of a plan to overthrow his government with the assistance of

A curfew is still in force and security remains right. Heavily armed Tanzanian troops, who have been in the islands since the 1977 coup which brought President René to power, man roadblocks and patrol the main island, Mahé.

The Soviet guided missile cruiser Marshal Voroshilov left Victoria, the Seychelles capital, a few days ago after being anchored off the port for two

weeks. Travellers arriving from the islands say the situation there remains tense. The Seychelles Club, a prominent institution in the centre of Victoria, was closed at the weekend when members were told the government had taken it over for use

Business is depressed and although horels are fully booked with tourists for the Christmas cason there are fears that the

Mar Felix Paul, mok the exceptional step of issuing a letter saying they have been unable tributed.

to discover how many people Diplomatic sources report have been detained and that that France has ordered the rethey have been denied access call of its six technical assistant

"We ask that justice be lone," they state, adding: We wish to make it clear that we do not approve of violence and that we do not approve of a plot to kill anyone. But we cannot approve of injustice or a situation which is con-

trary to human rights."
The letter is published in the Roman Catholic newspaper, L'Echo des Isles. It fills the back page of the latest issue. It was learned today that the names of 87 people detained had been smuggled out of the main prison in Mahé and that the list had already been supplied to Amnesty International in London Amnesty is under-stood to be approaching the Seychelles Government for in-

formation on the situation.

The list includes Mr Chanery
Chetty, a former Seychelles
Finance Minister, Mr Gilbert
Hoarau, the Chief Immigration Officer, and Mr Bernard Ver-laque, editor of the independent newspaper Weekend Life. All newspaper Weekeng Life. And are Seychelloise except for a French subject, M Jacques Chevalereau, who was an adviser to the Seychelles police.

One man who was detained, Mr Albert Bedier, has been released and is now in London. He said he was given no reason for his arrest and detention for three weeks, and was never interrogated about the alleged

tourist industry, mainstay of the Seychelles economy, will suffer in the New Year.

The Anglican Bishop, the Right Rev French Chang-Him, to find those responsible for a coup plot.

He added that only about 15 or 20 of the detainees had been number of anonymous leaflets attacking the René Government which have been widely dis-

tance personnel working in the Seychelles and has also asked They express concern for the families of those detained and ask that they be brought to release M Chevalereau, who was court if there are charges against them, otherwise they should be freed.

They express concern for Seychelles and has also asked the Seychelles Government to release M Chevalereau, who was court if there are charges recently named by President René as the leader of the plot to overthrow his Government.



Point taken: Herr Brandt (right) and Mr Heath answeringquestions on the world aid report.

Trade levy idea to aid Third World

By Roger Berthoud
International taxation on trade, minerals from the seabed and armaments is the most striking proposal produced by the Brandt Commission for reducing world inequalities and boosting aid to developing countries.

The conclusions of the Independent Commission on Inter-

pendent Commission on Inter-national Development Issues, as it is formally called, were outlined yesterday in London by its chairman, Herr Willy Brandt, the former West Ger-man Chancellor.

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man Chancellor.

The 18 Commission members, most of whom were present, included two former Prime Ministers (Mr Heath and Sweden's Mr Olaf Paime), Mrs Katharine Graham, pub-

From Our Correspondent.

Islambad, Dec 17

lisher of the Washington Post, and senior politicians and economists from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Herr Brandt said too few of the world's richer countries had lived up to their promise to give 0.7 per cent of their national product as developmen assistance. That should be achieved by 1985, and 1 per cent by the end of the century. More countries should join in, on a sliding scale related to national income. lisher of the Washington Post,

national income.

New methods were needed to increase funds. A modest levy on international trade, seabed minerals and arma-ments—" objectively the most

wasteful of all forms of spend-ing —might provide such additional revenue. The Commission's ideas will ing —might provide such additional revenue.

The Commission's ideas will be set out in detail in its report, to be presented in February to Dr Kurt Walkheim, the United Nations Secretary—The United Nations Secretary—The United Nations Secretary—The dements would be: a big wanter of funds to the Third World; agreement on a substantial part in its drafting with Mr Shridath Ramphal, client world food programme; the Commonwealth Secretary—and a start on key reforms;

General, will then elaborate on the report in LQONDON.

In his summary yesterday, Herr Brandt said the present system of financing develop-ment failed to meet urgent including the monetary system and means of financing deand means of apancing development.

Both Herr Brandt and Mr. Heath were convinced that the economic development of the Third World would be of great benefit to the industrialized countries, despite the intine-diste problems of increasing such Third World Imports as rewiles. meet lanea to meet breets, meets. Many countries needed broader loans, for programmes as well as projects, than the World Bank could provide, and World Bank could provide, and many East European countries remained outside its structure. The Commission proposed, therefore, a new universal development institution, with broader participation—a world developmen fund.

Faced with the impending world economic crisis, the Commission would be putting forward a four-part package of measures to benefit industrialized countries, energy pro-

textiles.

To generate the political will for a global economic bargain, the Commission urged the convening of a new kind of summit conference, involving a limited number of national leaders from the world's main

regions. Herr Brandt suggested that Herr Brandt suggested that the head of government of a neutral country might help with the soundings for such a meeting, after consultation with Dr Waldheim.

North and South, Herr Brandt and his colleagues reiterated, had a far greater mutual interest than they commonly recognized in achieving economic revival together.

No decision yet on future of 5,000 prisoners

Kampala, Dec 17.—The Ugandau Government has: not decided what his do with 5,000 detainees believed to have been either members of the Amin secret police or criminal elements in his Army, Mr Steven Ariko, the Justice Minister, said Mr George Sentamu Commissioner of Prisons, said 4,000 of the arisoners were housed in

East block accused of failing to aid refugées

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Outlining some of the officials at the vast refugee camp at the liberal particles are forced into if Vietnameseled forces being resettled in their former villages in Barma.

Asia have received a for the publicity but the problem then

extends togothe parts of the world. Well any updates with four million reasons in Africa. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced in Ethiopia, the Sudan and Somalia. We have \$10,000 refugees in the victimity of Limbaltwe-Rhodesia. Morambique, Zambia, and Rotswana. There of Indo China has uprooted of people have been and some million refugees in South-East Asia; but the Soviet Union, and other communist mations have done little of nothing to alleviate their property. Mr. Poul Harding, the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees (INHCR), said moday.

Suggesting that the Western address and Japan have been forced to underwrite the tragic displaced persons had declined recently while mor people are not in Indo China, Mr. Har now being resented abroad, the went on to reveal that the western one million refugees today:

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Begin coalition forced to amend abortion law

From Christopher Walker Jerusalam, Dec 17 A controversial amendment to, the Israel's abortion laws was pushed through the Knesset today by 58 votes to 53.

The amendment was forced on Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, by a handful of ultra-orthodox deputies. They threatened to withdraw thetr support unless the coalition ended the right of Israeli women to secure legal abortions

for social reasons.

A month ago the coalition and black hats. failed to secure the first read-ing of the Bill after a tied vote of 54 to 54. As a result, Mr. Begin took a political samble and made the issue a vote of confidence in his Government. As the packed public galleries of the Knesset indicated, today's debate was felt to have a significance far beyond the single topic of abortion. For many people the real issue was the increasingly pervasiv influ-ence on Israeli society of the

ultra-religious minority.

Reform of the abortion laws was one of 36 religiously-motiwated demands made by the Agudat Israel party when it arread to back the coalition after the 1977 election. It has already secured a lew permit-

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national service, and now plans to press hard for legislation which will make it much more difficult for doctors to carry out

post-mortem examinations.

The growing political influence of orthodox politicians,
many of them rabbis, is causing resentment. This afternoon at the Knesset demonstrators chanted the slogan "down with Khomeiniism" at orthodox Jows arriving to attend the debate in their long black coats

After the result was announced, Mrs Shulamir Aloni, a deputy representing movement, told reporters: "This vote has shown that our nation is now run by the ultraorthodox, who are anti-zionist. laid down the law and Begin's coalition has obeyed their com-

The women who will be affected by the change in the law will mostly be from the lower income groups. An indication of the public mood on npittion poll published this the issue was shown in an morning. Of those questioned 70 per cent came out against the amendment compared with only 20 per cent in favour.

Lesotho Premier hints at Border tensions take Pakistan first election since 1970 envoy to Kabul

From Ray Keanedy Johannesburg, Dec 17

The Foreign Ministers of Pakistan and Afghanistan are to meet in Kabul this weekend, apparently to try to re-duce tension and pave the way for a possible meeting between President Zie ul-Haq of Pakis-tan and President Hafizullah Amin of Afghanistan. when the election would be held, but said he was confident The Pakistan Foreign Office announced here today that Mr Agha Shahi, foreign affairs adviser to the Pakistan leader,

would visit Kabul on an invi-tation from Mr Shah Wali, Afghan Foreign Minister. It gave no purpose for the visit. election hint. The talk of an election came as Chief Jonathan's para-mili-tary Police Mobile Unit is embroiled in birter fighting The Soviet-supported regime in Kabul accuses Pakistan of arming and training guerrillas for mountain warfare in Afghanistan. Pakistan has denied the allegation and asserted that the Kabul regime

Lesotho was granted independence in 1966 and the first election in 1970 was won by the BCP. Chief Jonathan declared the result invalid after alleging intimation of voters. Mr Mokhehle was detained for several months before her greed and going

rebols and Chief Jonathan's forces. The most serious were in 1970 when five police stations were attacked during an attempted coup by the BCP. More than 50 people were killed by the Police Mobile Unit in follow-up operations. In the latest clashes on Lesotho's northern border with the Orange Free State at least 20 people have been killed. According to the South African Government, more Mricas Government, more than 500 refugees, mainty old people, women and children, have fled across the Caledon

New Kuomintang head | Sardinia bandits shot Taipei, Dec 17 .- Mr Y. S. Taing, the Taiwan Foreign
Triang, the Taiwan Foreign
Minister, took over today as
Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, the ruling Nationalist
Party. His successor as minister was wounded when police
ambushed a group of suspected bandits in a remote part of
will be chosen on Wednesday.

Sardinia today.

Official policy is still to encourage Jews to settle there,

ish culture was alive in the

Mr Sherling toured the

country for seven months inter-

viewing prospective actors and

has now assembled 25. He

invited old Jewish people who still knew Yiddish to teach his

troupe the language, and started writing an opera that

would incorporate Jewish songs

Surprisingly, he invited Mr. Ilya Glazunov, a controversial

praised by the critics.

Mr Sherling wanted to take

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encourage Jews to settle there, licity, in a palace of culture in a however, and the Government Muscow suburb, was obviously pleased with a both he and the authorities proposal that would prove Jew 100k a gamble. There were no

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design the decor and sets. Mr charge.

Glazunov, was is also interested. He admits that he encounin the Russia of that period, tered "difficulties" at first accepted. His designs have been But it is clear that it was only

sheltered in a temporary camp at a rown named Berblehem. South Africa has called on the United Nations to give sid to the refugees, but if its experience during 1975 and 1976, when it took thousands of refugees from Angola into Namibia (South West Africa), is anything to the terror and the second will be to go by the request will be

ignored.
Chief Jonathan has claimed that South Africa is siding and that South RCP rabels and also arming the BCP rebels and also that the refugees are political fugitives who have been helped to flee from Lesotha in South African police vehicles.
His suggestion that he will win fresh elections because of

win fresh elections because of the women's vote has interested observers. More than 200,006 able-bodied Basotho men, out-of a total population of 1,200,000, work in South Africa, most of them in the gold mines. They are believed to be largely BCP supporters. Sources in Maseru today said

that despite the trouble in the north, the capital was quiet, aithough more police than usual are on the streets. The sources said that Cirief Jonathan's election hint indicated that he was confident that both he and his party would be returned to

power.
His chief rivals for the leadership are Mr C. D. Molapo, the Foreign Minister, and Mr S. Maseribane, the Deputy Prime Minister, both members of the Basotho National Party's "old

guard". Chief Jonathan is also a mem-Chief Jonathan is also a member of the Molapo family, which comes from the north of Lesotho, while Mr Masirebane's family dominates the south. There has always been some degree of political, rivalry between the two clans.

Contrary to an earlier agency report published in The Times on Saturday, both Mr Molapo and Mr Maseribane are still in Lesotho.

Nuoro, Sardinia, Dec 17.-

operate in writing a new opera

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Bar Kokaba, the Jewish hero of Massada in ancient Israel.

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At any rate, this is the mes-

all but half a dozen families being landless labourers or smallholders. Only a quarter of the agricultural land is hely gated, but mercifully, the ram god was kind this monsoon, as the villagers put it.

Eighty per cent of the votes India's urban-based pullucians are seeking acut mouth come from the rural areas, which they traditionally regard as an

younge student son of the vin-lare's leading fashly remarked.
"How can the people in the village approve"? he asked.
Karanada a sone of the most happening street in the most

Karastaka I sone of the saost interesting states in this election campaign; the viblagers find themselves faced by two Congress parties, Mrs. India. Gapdhi's and that of Mr. Devaraj Urs, Karastake's populist but allegedly corrupt Chref Minister, who is now the national president of the anti-Gandhi Congress. The 600 voters of the viblage elected an MP to Delhi for an undivided Congress in March, 1977, the son of a wealthy forther state assembly speaker.

ment collapsed in faraway Delhi, and everyone in the vil-

chayat (the equivalent of the perish council) and the village's leading farmer is busily ... organizing the 85 per cent vote he says he expects for Mrs

Aged only 30 he has one personal advantage. As Mrs Gandhi was down last year, I remember that he still supported her unwaveringly. He thinks that her younger son, Sanjay, " belongs only in jail", but asks: " But why should we punish the mother for her,

1977, the son of a weathy former state assembly speaker. His money cojes from owning the district bus service, which is the villagers main link with the orban world.

But after Janata's victory, a couple of the villagers higger farmers founded a Janata faction. They were crushed, silenced, as the Desai Government collapsed in faraway Delhi, and everyone in the villager two, could not deliver anything.

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embarrasing displays of Jewish nationalism, and the way was open for authorized performances in the city centre. Pardon for man in NZ double murder case. The Jewish Musical Theatre has been given government money to develop. Mr Sherling is planning to get a prominent American-Jewish writer to co-

From Our Correspondent Wellington, Dec 17

A man convicted at two trials of the murder of a mar-

Arthur Allen Thomas, around whom one of New Zen-land's most tortuous and oro-tracted legal battles has reged, served eight years of a life sentence for the morder of Mr. Harvey Crewe and his wife Jeanette.

bour of the Crewes, maintained his innocence of the showings ried couple in a lonely farm his innocence of the shoprings house in 1970 was free topight from the start and an active after a Queen's parties was committee in his defence kept committee in his defence kept the affair constantly before the public. Its agreeion helped to secure a retrial in 1973, but at this the original confiction was

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Gandni, the tormer Indian Prime Minister, was accused today of the illegal sale of iron and steel acquired for use in his failed Maruti car manufacturing project. The case was registered today by the Central Russus of Investigation Mr Gandhi who is cam-paigning in northern Uttar Predesh state for next month's general election is aleged to have illegally sold part of 6,066 ton of iron and steel which had been for use in the plant between 1971 and 1975.

He aiready faces at least 20 cases before the courts, most of them arising from alleged Adelaide, said research was needed on the bairy-nosed wombat.

The past two weeks have

seen an event of enormous sig-

nificance and pride for Jews in Moscow. For the first time since the Stalinist era an

authentic Jewish theatre group has been allowed to perform works written and sunz in Yid-dish to capacity audiences in

The group is the Jewish Musical Theatre, founded two years ago in Birobidjan, the

Jewish autonomous region in

the far east of the Soviet Union. In spite of initial opno-

sition from senior party offi-cials, it has been allowed to

come to Moscow on a tour of Soviet cities with large Jewish

The two works, an opera called A Black Bridle For The White Mare, and a more light-

hearted musical review called Let's All Do It Together, have

populations.

central Moscow theatres,

From Michael Binyon

Moscow, Dec 17

Delhi, Dec 17.—Sanjay Candhi, son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Indian

ties at the highest level.

There have been only half a

on stage for the first time in

many years, they gave the troupe prolonged and emotional

Jewish activists and dissidents

attended. One, Professor Alex-

ander Lerner, said he thought some specifically Jewish fea-tures in the musical review had

been toned down, but it was still a happy and recognizably

A number of well-known

an Adelaide research worker.

survival of rare wombat From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 17 The Queensland bairy-nosed

about his work on another member of the species near

Mrs Gandhi's son | Cattle grazing threatens

wombar is facing extinction because of cattle grazing. There are tewer than 40 of the creatures left in Queenstand's Epping Foest National Park, according to Mr M. Gaughwin, an Adelaide research worker. an Adelaide research worker.

Mr Gaughwin says that the
wombat needs abundant food
at critical times of the year for
ovulation and lactation.
Because of cattle g azing the
fond source was threatened.

Mr. Gaughwin who Mr Gaughwin, who was asked by the Queensland Government to supply information

Moscow Jews see first Yiddish theatre since Stalin

traditional culture.

He decided to found a group

could compare with those of

the Georgians, Armenians and other Soviet national groups.

culties. Expressions of Jewish

culture have frequently been

tion movement has worsened

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There were formidable diffi-

Soviet Union, and the emigra- century.

have been indications that the ingly worried by the assimila-

group has received the official tion of Soviet Jews and the blessing of the cultural authori- rapid disappearance of their

dozen performances of the two that would revive the use of works, and the audiences, over-

whelmingly Jewish, have been few Soviet Jews, even though enraptured. Clapping as tradi-tional Jewish dances were seen exists—and create a troupe that

ing Afghanistan for bombing, shelling and massing troops near the Pakistan border.

A spokesman for the National Parks and Wildlife Department, said the survival

word wombat, which is derived from one of the Aboriginal languages, describes a burrowing, herbivorous marsupial, about three feet long, that is probably related to the enore familiar koala beat. The koala is arboreal whereas the wombut has adapted to its different way of life by losing its tail, developing a large leathery muzzle and great strength in its legs and feet.

has pushed into Pakistan close

to 400,000 refugees so far who

economy, already precarious.

severly strained the country's

Pakistan bas also been blam-

of the wombats was being t exted as a matter of urgency. A wildlife officer had been instructed to negotiate wit land holders to have the wombat area fenced off.

Tony Sanistag writesh The

Chief Leabus Jonathan, Prime Minister of Lesotho, has hinted that he is willing to call a general election for the first time since 1970. He gave no indication as to

that his Basotho National Party would win because the women of Lesorho would vote for him. Chief Jonathan was addressing a women's rally in Maseru, the

with rebels of the Basotho Congress Party (BCP), directed by the exiled party leader. Mr Nasu Mokhehle

before bein afreed and going into exile. He lives now in Zambia and Botswana.

Since 1970 there have been frequent classes between BCP rebels and Chief Jonathan's

river into the Orange Free State, where they are being

the prisoners were housed in appalling conditions at Luzira prison outside Kampala.

Villagers disillusioned by MPs' changing allegiance see politics as dirty business

India's rural vote stays uncertain

From Richard Wigg In a South Indian Village, Dec.

A Harijan (formerly Un-touchable) woman comes out of her hut. She has overheard or her hut she has overheard
me asking her husband how he
will vote in India's general
election next month, and interjects: "Why should we vote
for anybody?" Who has done
what for poor people here?"
With that she rushed off in round up, some straying goats. India's politicians indiaged themselves in Delhi last summer when the Janara Government broke up, throwing overbased on political parties.

But India's grassroots voters have not been fooled. There are signs of widespread disilkusionment as the politicians come back to ask for their votes again and the lacklustre quality of this general election campaign shows the politicians very well know it.

sage from a weekend spent canvassing in this Karnatake village, where I had stayed earlier this year. It is a pretty but very poor village, all but half a dozen families they traditionally regard as an inexhaustible "vote bank". "Politics is a dirty business

now our local state assembly the village needs, one of dis rural vote, the dominant man, who one year age was them said. We know we'll be factor next month is unusually attacking the Chief Minister as forgotten on the election night, fluid and critical this time. The a friend of snugglers, has when the politicians will be in with is the politicians of all quir the Janua Parry and now. Bangalore and there's be drink parties are whisting in the teamed up with him, the and prostitutes too.

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seems that injustice may have he claimed to have uncovered been done. It was in reaction to this book Mr Thomas, a fermer heigh-

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been toned down, but it was still a happy and recognizably vibrant expression of Jewish culture.

The group is giving a special performance for officials of Goskonsert, the monopoly impressario organization that licenses Soviet productions for tour overseas.

The theatre is really the border was designated by Stalin as a national home for Soviet been widely praised by the Soviet press. The group has been bailed as an "important milestone in the cultural life Soviet press. The group has been hailed as an "important milestone in the cultural life of the multinational Russian Republic's the deferation", by the influential head of the Russian Republic's the Bolshoi, he was increase tour overseas.

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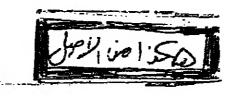
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ew airport not to be built: policy ased on growth at Stansted: o-ahead for Heathrow terminal

Sovernment has decided not a major new international Mr John Nott, Secretary for Trade, announced in a tent. Nor does it intend to ect the Maplin project, he ir Nott (St Ives, C) said: I riblishing today the reports of tudy Group on South-East rts and the Advisory rts and the Advisory littee on Airports Policy. I mend these reports to the

Government has decided not ld a major new international t of the kind considered by oskill Commission Report in oskill Commission Report in nor does it intend to resurne Maplin project, even in a
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liest use of regional airports
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g airports in the south-east,
larly Heathrow, Gatwick,
tansted. The Government's
letailed proposals are as fol-

he future we will adopt poli-tesigued to maximize the fall of the English regional ts and those to Scotland and and thus to shift the burden from the London area sirdepartment will look with

nlar favour upon proposals le expansion of capacity to demand at airports such as ast. Midlands. Birmingham propose, as opportunity to negotiate new rights per-

to negotiate new rights perg. services between overseas
and British provincial towns,
i in accordance with the new
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ers has recently invited the
ission. after consultation ission, after consultation member states, to present c pronosals early next year veloping routes within the unity to serve the regions. ever, even with a more ve use of regional airports idvisory committee makes hat there is an urgent need iditional airport capacity in cest. England. On corrent sts, taking account of the ainty about future oil prices orld economic growth, it is ted that there will be a d of between 69 and 81 milor between 69 and 81 mil-securets a year in London c south-east by the late against existing sirport y of 50 million passengers.

have considered whether it be right to Ignore the likely it before the decade. If owever, we tent. Such a decision, or lack

A modern western society heavily engaged in international trade and with a major stake in the atrline business can hardly fail to provide for consumer demand, both for lessure and business. But

both for leisure and business. But given the inherent incertainty of any forecast the solution we need is one which meets the demand in Loudon and the south-east only as it develops and which avoids the massive expenditure implications of developing a green field or coastal site.

At Heathrow capacity is virtually exhausted, and that is why we must continue to divert traffic to Gatwick, as already amounced in my statement on October 9. In order to provide additional capacity, the Government has decided to accept the inspector's recommendation for a fourth terminal at Heathrow, the details of this deision are being amounced separately today, and will include certain restrictions designed to mitigate the noise nuisance to local residents.

We have the times country of anything and We have also given careful con-

We have also given careful consideration to the possibility of constructing a fifth terminal at Heathrow on the Perry Oaks site in order to increase yet further the capacity of that airport. However, we estimate that it would take at least 12 years to complete such a project and it would impose added burdens on the surrounding area; these considerations have led us to the view that a fifth terminal should not be provided.

At Gatwick a public inquiry is to

wew that a little terminal about not be provided.

At Gatwick a public inquiry is to be held uext year into a proposal for a second terminal at the airport. The Government will reach its conclusions on the matter in the light of the inspector's report. We have also considered whether further capacity should be created by constructing a second runway at Garwick but have decided not to pursue this possibility.

At Stansted the previous Government anticipated development of the existing airport to four million passengers a year by the late 1950s. Stansted airport already has a suitable runway which could carry, if necessary many more passengers

ante ranway which could carry, if necessary many more passengers than this.

There is good road access and we believe that the addition of a new terminal building at Stansted, which could eventually handle up to 15 million passengers a year, together with appropriate accessions research. improvements, can be cerried out by the purchase of under 1,500 acres of additional land and with the minimum commitment to public expenditure.
The Government therefore

believes that this expansion is the best way of providing extra capatity before the end of the next decade.

However, we believe that the time is long overdue for a settle-

Ingredients of present high level of inflation ment of the airports question for a much longer period so that the demand can be met if it develops into the next century. Years of indecision, decision and counter-decision reflect no credit on this country's capacity to make difficult but necessary choices. If air traffic continues to grow at anything like the rate forecast by the advisory committee, additional capacity could be needed in the 1990s.

For this reason we have given careful consideration to each of the sites examined by the study group. Airports, road and rail access, the relocation of defence establishments all use up spricultural land, affect property and cause changes to the environment. The best solution must be one that avoids any premature governments with the maximum degree of lexibility—dependent on the growth of demand.

Our view on the evidence so tar available is that none of the green field sites meets these requirements. We recognize that Maplin has certain advantages but the provision of additional road and rail

The retail price index had increased by 2.9 per cent, 10.1 per cent and 17.4 per cent over the last three, six and 12 months respectively. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, said during questions. Mr John Evans (Newton Lab)—When does she expect inilation to reach 20 per cent?

Mrs Oppenheim (Gloucester, C)—I recall that the Opposition predicted it would be reaching that level by the end of this year. There is no sign that it has as yet done so.

It is the Government's overrid-ing priority, through its economic policies, to overcome inflation. It is resolutely tackling the daunting and deep-seated problems which it inherited. This problem will not be over-

This problem will not be over-come in a matter of months, nor without recourse to severe reme-dies. It is only by resolving these problems that it can hope to re-store the long-term price stability that the people of this country years for. Our task will be a good deal easier if instead of carping criti-cism from Labour MPs, the Gov-ernment sets some constructive

cism from Labour MPs, the Gorcroment gets some constructive
support.

Mr Richard Mitchell (Southampton, Irrhen, Lab)—At the last election she posed as the housewives'
friend and made statements saying
that she would reduce the rate of
inflation. In view of these disastrous figures, will she resign and
apologize to the British people for
misleading them?

Mrs Oppenheim—I made no such
statement. The only poser in the
last election was the previous
secretary of State for Prices (Mr
Roy Hattersley) who said that
there was no sign that inflation
was taking off again. The last Government had five years to show
what its counter inflation policies
could achieve. What it did achieve
was a 110 per cent increase in

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was a 110 per cent increase in prices. An Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C)—If you "annualize" the last three months' inflation, it would make an annual rate of inflation of 12.6 per cent. Mrs Oppenheim—He is roughly correct. The high inflation we are facing today is a direct consequence of five years in which the previous Government failed to face up to the economic realities that up to the economic realities that confronted it, squandering pre-cious time and resources for polit-ical gain, leaving the country to pick up the huge bills which must e paid. That is the reality underlying the

inacceptably high rates of infla-ion which will be with us for some tion which will be with us for some time to come.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade, prices and consumer protection (North Lanarkshire, Lab)—This country has the highest rate of inflation of any industrial country.

As a result of last month's inflation, we went straight to the top of the league. For the last aix months of this Government, inflation doubled to 20 per cent on a 12 months' basis.

Mrs Oppenheim—We inherited accelerating inflation, raw material costs and pay settlements, acce-leration in the money supply and a deterioration in the balance of pay-ments. These are the ingredients which have contributed to the present high levels of inflation and will take some time to work through.

Price controls disguise inflation and deceive consumers

Ordinary people were on the verge of starvation for the first time in many years, a Labour MP claimed at question time, amid Conserva-tive laughter and shouts of dis-

hir Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield East, Lab) had asked what repre-sentations the Secretary of State for Trade had received about price increases which called for the use Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs (Gloucester, C)—I naturally receive a number of different representations about prices. As I have made clear on numerous occasions, the powers which exist were seldom used by the previous Government, except in the context of EEC subsidies. They are at present being used in connexion with the EEC subsidies. They are at present being used in connexion with the EEC subsidies. Mr Sheerman-Many people

consumer organizations and the trade union movement are utterly desperate. They feel the Government has thrown away all powers to control prices at any stage of Many people are facing the bit-terest, worst Christmas with the

increase in British exports to the Soviet Union, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade (South Hertfordshire, C) said at question

Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet. Chipping Barnet, C) had asked what was the total value of exports to the Soviet Union and the total value of imports from that country for the last 12 months for which

Mr Parkinson-For the period

November, 1978 to October. 1979, the total value of our exports to the Soviet Union was £423m. Our imports from that country for the same period were £642m.

to balance made between the two countries, even if it means giving an assurance that we will refuse to

take any oil imports from the Soviet Union after we become oil sufficient?

to the proposals of the Director General of Fair Trading as modi-fied by the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee.

VAT-inclusive prices

A draft order dealing with the use of VAT-inclusive pricing would be laid before Parliament as soon as possible, Mrs Sally Oppenheim. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, amounced during question time.

This would give effect, she sald, to the proposals of the Director of the proposals of the Director of VAT.

figures were available.

Substantial trade in furs

and diamonds with Russia

The Government wanted to see an Mr Parkinson-Most of the things

price of bread, eggs and beer—ell working class mass-consumption commodities—going through the rnof. Ordinary people are on the verge of starvation for the first time in many years. (Conservative interruptions.) Mrs Oppenheim-Naturally, 1 sym-

pathize with people who are having to tackle the high rate of inflation, but the last Government: approach to tackling inflation was to introduce a succession of poli-cies designed, through price con-trols and the Price Commission Act, to disguise inflation tem-porarily and deceive consumers for short-term polincal benefit. Not only were those policies expensive, time-consuming failures, they enisted consumers about the true rate of inflation they have to face in the end. This Govern-ment has no intention of resusci-tating such disreputable policies.

Mr Robert Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne West, Lab)—Mrs Oppenheim should insist on her civil servants putting a bit of truth into her briefs. It was the Conservative Government which doubled VAT, increased mortrage rate to 15 per increased mortgage rates to 15 per cent and minimum lending rate to 17 per cent—all calculated further

to increase the inflation rate. The

Mrs Oppenheim—Mr Brown should not blame my civil servants for raplies for which I claim authorship. We have not doubled VAT. but the last Government did double prices.

The short-term manipulation of prices it embarked upon only served to delay the increases which had to come through in the end.

end.

The factors he has mentioned are just some of the factors, but by no means the unin factors. In the increase in inflation the country is having to face today, and will have to face for some time to come. Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East. Scot Nat)—People are more worried about the price of hread on earth than the price of pie in the sky. If the policies pursued over the past few months proceed over the next four years, the price of pie in the sky will be prohibitive.

Mrs Oppenheim—I am aware of this concern and that is why the overriding Government policy is to overcome inflation which affects, among other things, the price of bread.

Petrol in litres must show price per gallon
Action over the sale of perrol by
the litre was promised by Mrs
Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State
for Consumer Affairs, during question time.

Existing provisions of the Petro Prices (Display) Order 1978 are to be varied so that where petrol is sold by the lite the equivalent price per gallon must also be clearly indicated.

reexported.

We want to see our exports to the Soviet Union increased. There is scope for it. We do not believe that the way forward is to restrict our imports of things which we Mr Peter Emery (Honiton, C)— How much of the credit negotiated by the last government for Russia is spll outstanding? Will this con-tinue for long? Mrs Oppenheim assure the House that confusion for the consumer will be kept to a minimum, not only in this respect but in other areas where imperial and meuro

Mr Parkinson—There is about \$400m of that remaining credit still available. The agreement ends in about two months' time. Mr Robert Alkins (Preston, North, C)—Do we need Russian Christmas cards?

Mr Chapman—While recognizing that that proportion of two to one has been consistent over the years and that 30 per cent currently are oil imports and 40 per cent diamonds, could we have an assurance of the Government's resolve the harmony with the control of th Mr Parkinson-I was staggered at the increase in this particular trade. If the industry feels there is an anti-dumping case to be made, and I know it does, my depart-ment is available to help with advice about processing that case.

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition

spokesman on trade, prices and consumer affairs (Lambeth, Nor-wood, Lab)—Will these orders be laid under the Fair Trading Act or

are things we need—raw materials for which perhaps there is no other source of supply. Quite a substantial part of the trade is diamonds and furs which subsequently are

Mrs Oppenheim said consultation with the trade and with motoring interests would be opened shortly. Mr John Patten (Oxford, C)-Can

Mrs Oppenbeim-I am concerned there should be fair competition and that the motorist should be in and that the motorist should be in no doubt as to the value he is getting for his money whether garages are selling in imperial or metric quantities. This is true of other areas where this problem is

involved. Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Will Mrs Oppenhelm have a word with the Post Office to see if they would quote parcel rates in pounds and ounces as well as in grammes? Mrs Oppenheim—I have already had words with the Post Office but

there is no statutory requirement for them not to do so.

Debate refused

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, Dem U) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate of the murder by the IRA of five soldiers and one ex-member of the Ulster Defence Regiment in Ulster on Sunday Sunday.

He said the House should romember that of 120 killings in Northern Irreland this year. 71 had involved members of the security

More talks on origin marking of goods

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, is to enter into detailed discussions on the question of marking the country of origin on goods for sale.
She said this during questions about a survey instigated with the National Union of Townswomen's Guild on origin marking. Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) asked what was ham and Sale. C) asked what was the outcome of the survey. Mrs Oppenheim (Gloucester, C)—I am considering the interesting results of the origin marking surveys carried out for us by the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds and by the National Consumer Council as part of my review of policy in this area. Cutlery was among the items included in these surveys. I will make a statement to the House announcing my intentions in due tourse.

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Mr Montgomers—If origin marking is undertaken, it should be a motter for consumer protection rather than trade protection.

Mrs Oppenheim—I agree. Origin marking has attracted a considerable amount of interest and attention in the recent interest. tion in recent years. I therefore considered it desirable to have two independent surveys reflecting a broad range of views to help me in broad range of views to belp me in reaching my decision.

The main purpose was to discover not just whether consumers want to see the country of origin displayed on the goods they buy but to find out if they need this information to exercise their choice in an informed manner. I think hoth surveys point to that conclusion.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said that origin should be marked. Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C), said that origin should be marked more prominently on products displayed for purchase.

Alts Oppenheim—I am aware of that. As a result of the surveys, we have found that "Buy British" is not the only moove which prompts origin marking. Sometimes people want the origin marked so that they do not have to exercise that choice.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northerm.

choice.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C)—As many people think they are buying British cars: when what they are buying just look like British cars and have been made by British manufacturers in foreign plants, will she introduce a surem whereher the introduce a system whereby if a company brings in vehicles from a plant overseas, they should have to put a plate on them abowing the

put a plate on them showing the country of origin?
Mrs Oppenheim — I propose to enter into more detailed discussions on the origin marking than have been possible hitherto.
Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman—Has Mrs Oppenheim looked at cutlery blanks from the Far East being plated in Sheffield and sold to the British public, creating the impression that they are British produced? are British produced?

Will she make an order to ensure that such blanks are stamped with the country of origin?
Mrs Oppenheim—The question of
silver-plating of cutlery will not be
excluded from any further action I

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

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the Smith, this? Opposition and the Under-Secretary, Scottish Sman on trade (North Office, are due to meet the chairman of British Airways and the British Airports; Authority near tional airports and those in and Wales beyond those need by the previous Government has reached no decision on the Issues involved.

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lating policy. There is con-n many quarters about the of Prestwick International "Stansted, does his decision that all future developments' i the first terminal to be here will be located in the ed area?

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and the Government has reached no decision on the issues involved.

On Stansted, it will be up to the inspector to decide precisely how the inquiry takes place. The BAA might be twitted to apply for outline planning permission for the building of the additional terminal based on the existing runway and for purchase of an extra 1,500 acres of agricultural land. It will be invited too, to apply for outline planning permission to safe-guard the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway and way should be needed in the nineway at Stansted which we should us to the full. There is no question of even considering a socond runway at the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway and the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway at the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway at stansted which we should us to the full. There is no question of even considering a socond runway should be needed in the nine continuate the full of the arbott. (Saffron Walden, C)—It is transparently decision is that Stansted will become in the and the third, London is that Stansted will be to the full. There is no question of even considering a socond runway at the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway and the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway and the wider acre of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runsway and the runsway at the same that would cost about 255m.

Mr Alam Haselburst (Saffron Walden, C)—It is transparently decision is that Stansted will become in the and the third. London is that Stansted will become in the and the third. London is that Stansted will become in the and the third the decision is that Stansted will become in the and the third the decision is that Stansted will become in the and the third the decision is that Stansted will become in the and the full the decision is that Stansted will become in the and the full the decision is that Stansted will become in the stansted will become in the arbott. The transparent

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us now that is not on, environmentally or from the point of view of the airlines. Mr Nott—A public inquity is the most democratic means of hearing the objections which undoubtedly will exist to the building of a second terminal at Gatwick. I feer

Eishops Stortford. In due course consideration will have to be given to extending a link from the many rail line into the airport. We estimate that would cost about £85m.

has certain advantages but the pro-vision of additional road and rail links, the preparation of the site and the relocation of defence establishments, all of which would

establishments, all of which would require a commitment of over \$1,000m, involve very serious risks which are unjustified when we cannot be certain that an airport of such a size might be needed. Moreover, an airport at Marlin could not be ready to meet the expected shortfall in capacity in the lare 1980s.

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The British Airports Authority will therefore be invited to bring forward proposals for the construction of a single terminal building at Spensted based on the existing runway facilities, capable of handling about 15 million passensers a year.

of handling about 15 million passengers a year.

But it will also be invited to define and apply for the safeguarding of an additional area of up to 2,500 acres, sufficient to provide for a possible second runway and further terminal capacity should this be needed in the 1990s or beyond.

Our akm would be that the owners of residential and agricultural property in this wider area should have the opportunity of either continuing to live or farm there, pending any possible requirement for this additional land, or of selling their property at an amblighted value to the BAA.

These proposals will be examined under appropriate planning

These proposals will be examined under appropriate planning procedures which will include a wide-ranging public inquiry and a final decision on them will then be taken. This will provide a full opportunity for all those concerned to express their views on these proposals, and for the wider social and environmental implications to be explored and assessed.

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Mir Noti—The traffic forecasts
which we have taken into account
assume the building of the single
track rail-only link now under consideration, and this was assumed to

take six million passengers in its first year of operation in 1988 and eight million by the end of the year. The diversion was considered to be mainly from shipping ser-vices, and the loss to air services. the forecasters say, would be well below a year's growth. Even with the Channel tunnel, it would not the Channel tunnel, it would not affect the need for some expansion of capacity in the London and south-east airports.

In reply to later questions, Mr Nott said that the more the Government could encourage the travel industry to fly direct charter flights from regional airports, the happier it would be, but it could not force the industry to fly from sirports it did not wish to fly from airports it did not wish to fly from Mr Stanley Newens (Harlow. Mr Stanley Newens (Harlow, Lab)—The manner in which the minister has ridden roughshod over the recommendations of Roskill will be seen as a travesty of democracy by all who live in the

Mr. Nott-My proposals for the greater use of the existing Stansted runway bear no relation whatever to what Roskill considered. It was considering a four runway airport. We are considering the use of the

Mr Denshore Dover (Chorley, C) Does she think the implementation of the report's recommendations will help the fight against inflation or give rise to further inflation? Mrs Oppenheim—I am reviewing this. I hope it will be possible to lay them under the Fair Trading Act. If not, I will use whatever Mr Prior says changes in trade union law have support of nation: protection against effect of closed shop

Prices Act?

it was abundantly clear that some changes in the law involving industrial relations were essential and recent events had amply borne this out, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said when moving the second reading of the Employment Elli Employment Bill.

Employment Bill.

He said that no subject was more central to Britain's problems or was as important in determining the future of society.

The changes proposed were limited to those areas where experience had shown that the law was not working well, where privilege was being abused and suffering resulted, where the creation of new jobs was being inhibited by fear of the present law and what it meant.

The Covernment's proposals did The Government's proposals did not change the need for bargainers to behave sensibly nor in any way absolve those who led them from practical voluntary guidance on the use of the powerful weapons in their bargaining armoury.

The proposals were designed to improve industrial relations but to

do so by working with the grain rather than against it. No one should use them as an excuse for abandoning the search for the good voluntary procedures which were the best protection against tough These proposals had the support These proposals had the support of the nation. That support was as strong among trade unionists at the rest of the community. (Conservative cheers.) It commanded a majority, as far as could be understood, even among trade unionists who voted for the Labour Party. In no way had the support diminished with the passage of time.

Clause 1 of the Bill, dealing with funds for ballons, followed closely

funds for ballots, followed closely a back bench Labour motion put down in the last Parliament. Clause 2 contained the power to publish codes of practice for the improvement of industrial relaimprovement of industrial rela-tions. He intended to use this power to produce a code on the closed shop. If no other authorita-tive, comprehensive and effective guidance was available he would produce a code on picketing. Some Conservative MPs would have preferred the Government to go further on the closed shop and seek to outlaw it, but that was the approach tried in 1971 and it approach tried in 1971 and it simply did not work. In this Bill, the Government was providing the individual with effective selectards and proposing much more specific arrangements for the drawing up of any new closed shop agreement.

A recent study published by his department showed that many new closed shops did accord with best practice. The Government was conpinned that good practice and provided a remedy in those cases— he hoped they were few—where it was not followed. The closed shop proposals in the

Bill were particularly relevant to the issue of press freedom. The Government invended to provide specific guidance on this subject in the code to ensure that and a real possibility of reaching clobber the unions. It was neither agreement on its terms the Government would be prepared to con-The Bill contained the Government's proposals on secondary picketing. Its aim was to protect employers and employees who found their livelihood and jobs threatened by picketing in support of a dispute in which they had no part and no access to the means of

ending it. it was clear some picketing practices, and in particular secondary picketing, had given rise to the present serious situation. The Bill gave the Secretary of State powers to make a code of practice. He was to consult people beforehand and one of the bottles beforehand and one of the bodies he would consult would be the police. If it could get an authori-taine code then the Government would issue one. The Bill limited lawful picketing

to an employee picketing at his own place of work. The existing right to demonstrate or protest was unaffected. The Bill did not create any additional burden on the police because it did not create any new criminal offences. The Government proposed simply to restore the right in take civil proceedings when secondary picketing induced a breach of con-Clauses 14 and 15 involved speci-

fic changes to the law on innumines to deal with specific prob-lems. The Government was con-tinuing with its review of the rems. The Government was con-tinuing with its review of the general law on trade union immu-nities. Last Thursday the House of Lords gave its judgment in the case of Express Newspapers versus McShane. The case raised issues of central importance to the re-

The Government was considering the judgment carefully and would take whatever action seemed necessary in the light of it and hring it before the House in due course. There were vital but delicate matters which would require a great deal of thought. a great dear of hought.

If Labour MPs were true to form they would argue that no changes in the law should be made and that they should leave these admittedly difficult and emotional matters to the unions and their redects to meetic of the control of the contr codes of practice. After the chaos and bitterness of last winter and past years that was not a tenable position. (Con-

servative cheers.) They did not expect changes in the law to end these problems overnight but their proposals were the only and best way to deal with a number of urgent problems, and where there was seen to be specific abuse the law had a part to play. They had to give management and unions the ground rules which cuabled them to bring about industrial peace.

There were some things in a

democracy which perhaps were better carried through by one side rather than the other. It might well be that because of their rela-tionship with the unions it was not possible for a Labour government ever to take the necessary steps even though in their hearts many of them knew they should. Labour MPs would do a great disservice to themselves and to the country if they did not give the Bill a fair wind. This was not a measure designed to change the whole structure of industrial relations. It was not a measure to

doctrinaire nor dracmian.

We can the said start today on a new course after the experience of the past 20 years. It is already late, but our duty is clear. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Eric Varley, Opposition spokesman on employment (Chesterfield, Lab) said the Bill would weaken and damage trade union rights, and individual

Labour had no great objection to ballots. His trade union experience as an officer in the NUM had involved secret ballots. But ballots were not the universal remedy for settling industrial disputes.

There must be far greater misgivings about the provisions on union membership agreements. The proposals contained a glaring anomaly. If a worker decided he wanted to be a non-unionist he would have the opportunity to take action against a trade union, but if a worker who was a trade unionist asserted his right he would have no redress against an him because he was a trade union member. The sloppy thinking in this was a recipe for endless friction. This Bill (he continued). like

the immigration rules, once again demonstrated a curious as well as nasty attitude to be taken by a Government headed by a woman Prime Minister—a deliberate sexist discrimination against were all aware of the Prime Minister's animus against picketing, and this Bill gave legal

force to her strident prejudice. It was so ambiguously drafted at the moment that it would cause more problems than it would There would be an intolerable burden on rank and file policemen. It would be the police constable at the picket line who would have to cross-examine pickets, to decide who met the conditions of the Act, and who conditions of the Act, and who did not. The Bill was so vaguely worded that any decision an officer took would be disputed, and the matter would end up in a court of law. Most of the picketing lost winter was done peacefully, and a relationship was established hetween the pickets and the police. There were rare occasions when violence hoke out and when did they were condemned as much by the trade union movement as anybody else.

union movement as anybody else. In the years of the Labour Go crament between 1975-78, 28,8 milcriment between 1975-78, 28,8 million working days were lost in strakes compared with 44.2 million days in the years 1971-73 under a Conservative Government. Under Mr Prior, the situation was far worse than under any of his Tory predecessors. In his first six months, 20.7 million working days were lost in strikes. were lost in strikes.

The Conservative Party had been given a bruising lesson, but the Bill showed that if they had ever learnt it, they had forgotten it. The best industrial relations practice was self-regulation. He commended the TUC code of pracnce to the Conservatives, not many of whom, he suspected, had read it. It referred not only to ballots, but to picketing and all the rest.

wise dictum that industrial relations were human relations? Mr Heath sat where he now did, hecause in a fit of aberration, he disregarded his own wise words. It was ironic that this debate took place almost nine years to the day on the second reading of the then industrial Pelaying Bill Industrial Relations Bill. The proposals in this Bill (he said) will not prevent a slogle industrial dispute which would have taken place if this legislation had not seen the light of day.

It would neither have prevented be Times dispute, nor settled it: The Times dispute, nor settled it; neither prevented nor settled the road haulage dispute. There is extreme doubt whether it would have done more to deal with secondary picketing than the TGWU's own code of practice.

The Bill would not have prevented, nor solved, any of the "dirty johs" strikes last winter and would not have prevented any of the action outside hospitals or schools. It would not have prevented the action outside Charing Cross Hospital; would have done nothing to prevent the independent nothing to prevent the independent relevision dispute nor the engineer-ing strike. It would have done nothing to prevent the most damaging of all industrial strikes now looming—that in the steel in-

ustry. No wonder that The Times, now back on sale—no thanks to the Government—said that the Billy does little indeed, very little, to Denshore Dover (Chorley, C).

in a maiden speech said he sup-ported the Bill but it left a lot of questions unanswered. What would happen II a trade union decided not to hold a secret bailor? What was to be done about blacking? He could not see how the United Kingdom could hold its head high in Europe as the only country that In humpe as the only country that allowed the closed shop.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Labi said the blacking of work was an alternative to secondary picketing. It was something which ministers had never been able and would not be able to tackle. The courts could not deal tackle. The courts could not deal with it because it could not be defined in legal terms. It would develop as a result of this legisla-

Mr Neil Thorne (Redbridge, liferd, South, C), in a maiden speech, said there seemed to be no provision in the Bill for across the berder union consultation. In matters concerning the railways where two major unions were involved it should be possible to have consultations on the future of the in-dustry. The unions should be obliged to take into account wishes of the consumer.

fir Peter Snape (West Bromwich, East, Labi said in regard to the closed shop that the Bill did not attempt to define grounds for exemption from trade union mem-bership. It merely talked about grounds of conscience or deeply-held conviction. This clause was a paragites' charter: it would enable those who had no intention of paying their union dues to enjoy the benefits the union had achieved.

Mr Gues Radice (Chester-le-street. Lab) said, in regard to closed shops, it was one thing for employers and trade unions to ti. It referred not only to ballots, but to picketing and all the rest.

What would be the outcome of the Bill which flouted Mr Heath's a definition which would stand up

in an industrial tribunal. The idea of relying on TUC guidance, perhaps backed up by a code of practice, was a far superior approach on this. Alr John Gorst | Barnet, Hendon, C1 said constant trade union prop-aganda had established insidiously that the law did not have a role in industrial relations. That was non-

sense.

There was no justification for any legal immunity that inconvenienced the nation or damaged the commercial enterprise for which the employee did not work. The Government should consider a Bill stating that trade unions were Bill stating that trade unions were corporations, with the same rights and duties as corporations.

Mr Cyril Sodth (Rochale, L) said the Bill was good, reasonable and moderate so it was nonsense for the trade union movement to get so worked up about it. The closed shop was incompatible with individual liberty and freedom, and if one criticism could be made it was one criticism could be made it was that the Bill did not go far enough

in this respect.

His greatest reservation concerned picketing. Although any man or woman should have the man or woman should have the right to my to persuade others to their point of view, last whiter there had been disgraceful abuses of that right. Mr Harold Walker, an Opposition

spokesman on employment. (Don-caster, Lab), said today they had seen the second wave of assault on not only workers' organizations but individual rights and safeguards.
The most serious of the things yet to come was the declared inten-tion of the Secretary of State in the aftermath of the decision of Lords on Express Newspapers versus McShane to spit in the face of their lordships by bringing for-

of their lordships by bringing for-ward amendments to restrict the application of Section 13 of the 1974 Act.

The Bill contributed nothing to solving the real problems. It would not diminish unemployment, far less improve industrial relations. The Labout Party at the earliest opportunity would renair the opportunity would repair the damage the Government was in-flicting on the protection and safe-quards of working people and upon good industrial relations. Mr Patrick Mayhew, Under Secre-tary for Employment (Royal Tun-bridge Wells, Ct., said what had been missing from Opposition speeches was any reference to the

outcome of the last general elec-Finere was nothing in this Bill which bad not been foreshadowed in the Conservative Party manifesto, upon which the Government was elected with a substantial majority. These proposals had been extended in working papers throughout the summer and autumn and were now embodied in the Bill.

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It was apparent from Opposition spokesman that they did not know whether to be disappointed or relieved with the Bill.

The real wrath in the debate a change in the legislation involving the chaed shop and picketing It was said that only voluntary guides were any good, but the trouble with these guides was that they offered no remedy if they are finuted to those who suffer harm.

The Sill was read a second time by 315 votes to 245.—Government majority, 70.

proposed that there should procific section of the Act ng the CAA to give account needs of regional airports. usly there was ministerial co. Some are about terminal the period when the fourth terminal y and others on greater runspactly at regional airports. are thout 1.500 air service neuts already negotiated for 23 between the regions and as cides and we want the id to build up so the airlines take full use of those agreements already negotiated for 23 between the regions and 25 between the regions and 25 between the regions and 25 between the regions and 26 between the regions and 27 between the regions and 28 between the regions and 29 between the regions and 29 between the regions and 29 between the regions and 20 between the regions and 20 between the sarrices of the regional airport, and his decision that there has to be extra capacity in the south-east and Stansted 12 m will provide sufficient sums to link the M11 with Stansted. We foreste histops Stortford line will provide the rall link, although there may subsequently have to be airport. That would come off the proposed that there should

overnment cannot keep the date of

a had within its grasp the of a major success in Rho-Lord Hallsham of St Maryle-Lord Chancellor, said he opened the second read-chate on the Zimbabwe Bill. s (he said) the first time we come so close to one. It may r last opportunity. . main political issues had resolved at the Lancaster conference and only details ned to he settled. There be no question of Britain

ong an open-ended respon-Government's purpose was genize elections in which all s could participate. The one that purpose was achieved he constitutional formalities the Government's view that

in our less more than three it. It was taking this action wharge its remaining respony and to heling it to an end to be less than the medican it. lot to prolong it. Covernment hoped the in the elections. Refusal to do qu'd not have international

: Government (he said) canseep open the date for elec-indefinitely while the Patriocont make up their minds.

agreements reached at the rence, now awaiting signawere perfectly fair and were
v recognized internationally
so. They had been achieved

because both sides had recognized that there was a more excellent way to a happy future than the continuation of a costly and tragic war.
Could either side (he said) step back at this late stage and withhold consent? We cannot contemplate that possibility. Lord Gladwyn (L) said he hoped

nodesia elections open indefinitely

the Government would be generous in granting aid to repair the ravages of war in Rhodesia when independence took place. independence took place.
Lord Hatch of Lusby (Lab) said they all admired Lord Soames but the Foreign Secretary had put him in an impossible position. Lord Soames was a member of the Conservative Party and of the Cabinet and he had been put in a position in which he could not be seen to be as impartial as he would no doubt wish to be seen.

Lord Alport (C) said the Government had shown courage in undertaking a commitment where the cards were so heavily stacked azainst success. Everyone should give it wholehearted support. Lord Goronwy-Roberts (Lab) for the Opposition said for years Rho-desiz's broadcasting system had been in the hands of the Smith or tide Smith-Muzorewa regime. Be asked for someone, particularly from the EBC, to go out and assist during tebe elections, as access to the media was essential for all asked whether political

detainees would be freed and able

to vote, and whether refugees both inside and outside Rhodesla would

and take part in elections.

prosperity. being set on a new path, and it was now up to Rhodesians themselves to settle what kind of future they

put their support to the test in the elections. Alternatively, if they allowed the negotiations to founder after all that had been achieved, they would bear a heavy responsibility.

The Bill was read a second time and considered they would be a second time.

He wanted both Houses to have an opportunity of a further debate before a date for independence was set, so that they could determine finally whether the true conditions for independence had been ful-He hoped the Bill would suc-ced, and wished Zimbabwe nothing but peace, stability, and

wanted.
Lord Wigg said if after the elections it had been seen that South Africa had paid the piper and called the tune, Britain's reputation would sink to rock bottom.
Lord Treigame, Lord in Waiting, the choice now facing the Patricale. Front was a simple one. They could on the one hand sign the agreements now on the table.
They would have a fair chance to

completed its remaining The Southern Rhodesia Constitu-tion (Interim Provisions) Order 1979, which makes temporary pro-

vision for the government of Southern Rhodesia for the period

between the Governor's arrival in

Salfsbury and the granting of indc-

House adjourned, 6.40 pm.

bendence, was approved.

press freedom was not infringed.
This seemed a better way to proceed. The Bill included a power to repeal the relevant section of the 1976 Act. He did not intend to use this power of repeal until those in the industry had had an opportunity to see the draft code. It there was still a strong desire for a charter

THE ARTS

Bitter coherence

I do not know whether Davis has read those memoirs and believes in their authenticity:

his interpretation suggested it most powerfully. He may have

The entry of the piano in the

vered: with grimly sarcastic relish, so that the elegiac classical eloquence of the slow movement followed with an-

Before the interval Claudio

Arrau was the soloist in Liszt's A major piano concerto. It has always seemed one of his most sustained poetic structures. Arrau, perhaps as a result of recent forays into Liszt as the hoin of the Vienness classical

heir of the Viennese classical

tradition. something much deeper than a keyboard prestidigizator, beightened the poetry of the concerto, and intensified its musical logic, to an unusual

degree, without sacrificing any of the drama or physical exuber-

this fierce energy, the result of his racing tempi for the great moments of terror, his punchy rhythms and his way of letting

the London Philharmonic Choir and Philharmonia Chorus sing

their bearts out without ever swamping the soloists.

Of the solo quartet, Yvonne

Minton was most successful in

showing how the merest mur-mar, if properly projected, can

mar, it properly projected, can carry as much weight in this suditorium as any full-throated cry of passion. She journeyed between the extremes to great effect in her "Liber scriptus", the most intelligently sung aria in this performance. Strangely

enough she had more trouble in the several duets which Verdi, remembering Aida and Amneris, writes for soprano

and mezzo. Perhaps this resul-

ted from a mismatching with Leontyne Price, who generally

preferred a strikingly pure tone coming as if from behind her, whereas Miss Minton's was

a more human, possessed sound.

"Libera me", she coupled her high angelic singing with con-ventionally Verdian speech-song in the lower register, not

always moving comfortably from one to the other. The

lesser opportunities afforded

the male soloists were well

that links its three movements

is also at times only a hair's breadth away from the most catchponny Bal Musette waltz. Sir Clifford's playing helped

by the freedom of his phrasing

within the character of the

When Miss Price was alone.

hanced impressiveness.

LSO/Colin Davis Festival Hall

William Mann

claborated another explanation of the work's coherence the enemy does not have to be iden-Siostakovich's fifth symphony tified, might be altogether nonis as good an advertisement as political, even something as abstract as the weether. In any fould be wished for the truthfulness of those recently pubcase. Shostakovich's fifth sym-phany for once hung together for me, and left a more bitter hished, much discussed memoirs. The intensely lonely opening of the first movement, with its aftertaste than ever, and a scrupulously unpredictable regret that they didn't play the melodic steps, like a soldier sixth symphony as an encore. Scrupulously unpredictable taelodic steps, like a soldier picking a gingerly way across a minefield, and the poignant, first movement made a quite surprising effect, like a dissenhighly poetic Largo, always seemed to belong to a different tient yet authoritative new voice in an orgument. The subsequent

work from the banal ending of the finale, the brass chant in the scherzo, and the climax of the first development which sounds like a parody of a familiar moment in Sullivan's indebted to Mahier, was directed: with grimly saroastic relish, so that the elegiac Kindly explanations about the composer's love of football crowds and fairgrounds did not make sense of the ambiguity. But if one hears the symphony with those memoirs in mind—es I did on Sunday when Colin Davis and the London Sym-phony Orchestra gave a high-

powered and thoughtfully articulated account of it on South Bank—it becomes a coherent, even more saddening, statement about the private artist's in-capacity to accept Stalin's Russia. It explains, too, why Shostakovich then took to matching a more or less public symphony with a very private string quartet.

LPO/Solti Albert Hall

Paul Griffiths

Artists who give their services free for charitable causes descrive better than to be sniped at in their morning paper. However, it is impossible to ignore an occasion like Sunday's performance of Verdi's Requiem, given in the presence of the Prince of Wales, in aid of the London Philhermonic Orchestra's National Appeal Fund and sponsored by Imperial Tobacco. It also helps that I can report that the evening was thrilling enough to dispose of a critic's moral scruples.

The cynic might argue that the work has success built into it, that Verdi was too practical a composer to let his feelings on the death of Manzoni get in the way of composing a concert drama which no fault in per-formance could scriously weaken. There is much truth in that, but on the other hand the Requiem by no means always gains the flaming frenzy that leapt this time across the whole expanse of the Albert Hall. Sir Georg Solii was to a large degree responsible for

Amadeus/Curson Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Noel Goodwin

to keep the performance from extravagance in either direction Sir Clifford Curzon is a planist who can take a composer's instring playing, and by his subtle struction "con molto sentiuse of the pedal to assist in giving the music its full digmento" at its face value, or, nity. At the same time, the en-semble as a whole ensured that rather, its musical value, and persuade his listeners that it semble as a whole ensured that it never lacked character, especially in the episodes which relieve the often monotonous progress of the finale.

It was another finale in which the Amadeus players alone excelled, that of Haydn's F major Quarter, the second of his op 77 was meant for the benefit of the work and not the performance. This helped to distinguish his performance on Sunday with the Amadeus Quartet in the Piano Quintet by Franck, one of an occasional series of programmes which the Amadeus players are sharing with different planists of distinction. It was a performance that clearly pointed the crucial difference between sentiment and sentimentality or responsive ensemble and viv-acity of spirt, but also their cyident pleasure in qualities of line and balance as these merged. If in places they might within a work that often seems

Franck's Quintet came late in a coreer that a misprint in the programme suggested was con-fined to a mere eight years. While is betrays the influence that Wagner's Trusten und Isolde must have had on Franck in the sublimated cretic passion that permeates much of the voluptuous slow move-ment, the so-called cyclic motif

in danger of mixing thom.

Martin Best Wigmore Hall

Frank Dobbins

Troubadour poetry survives in considerable quantity. While most of it was undoubtedly sung, only a small proportion (about a zenth) was notated and then in a sketchy manner indicating only relative pitch. The determination of the melodies's rhythm remains conjectural-some modern interpreters preferring a free declamation akin to plainsong, others more dance-like patterns based on the imagined meter of the verse. The only manuscripts also lack any accompaniment, but it is generally assumed that this might have been improvized by minstrels or jugglers on the instruments depicted in the secular iconography of the Middle

Martin Best and his group door repertory in an inventive manaer which provides good musical entertainment for the modern concert audience. His solution to the problem is hased on the idea of duplicatmore instruments with other instruments providing rudimentary dranes or adding an occa- other instrumental support.

sional flourish of melismatic roda in the manner of seme non-Western folk music. But his lively strumming on the lute for Oud) allied to the reat and judicious support of the nakers and tabors of David Corkhill brings a percussive vigour more characteristic of the pop group.

of responsive ensemble and viv-

fooring their way through the

Andante of the F major Quartet,

these last quartets of the

alder composer.

Moro delicate, impressionistic hues are occasionaly introduced by the imaginative use of pastiery, dulcimer and bells and, while Mr Best clearly dominates the group with his committed singing and playing, in turn spirited and sensitive, the expert piping of Jeremy Barlow's recorders and regal and the skilful bowing and plucking of Alistair McLachlan's fiddles provide discreet but indispensible support.

The group's programme illustrating "The Troubadours and their World, 1100-1300" offered a wide variety of dances and love songs in contrasting tempo and orchestra-tion, including fresh interpre-tations of old fevourites. Other pieces were less familiar and the absence of texts in the programme notes must have perrespond vividly to the chal plexed many in the audience lenge of presenting the troubaversant enough to follow the words sung however lucid the diction. In some cases Mr Best tried to overcome this problem with short verbal introductions; in others he alternated ing the vocal melody on one or stanzas in the Provençal tonrue with translations, expressively narrated over drones and

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Diaghiley illustrated in a British context

The Diaghilev Ballet in England/Ethelbert White, 1891-1972 Fine Art Society

George Bissill, 1896-1973 Belgrave Gallery, at

Blond Fine Art

Süe et Mare Foulk Lewis Collection

Sèvres The Queen's Gallery

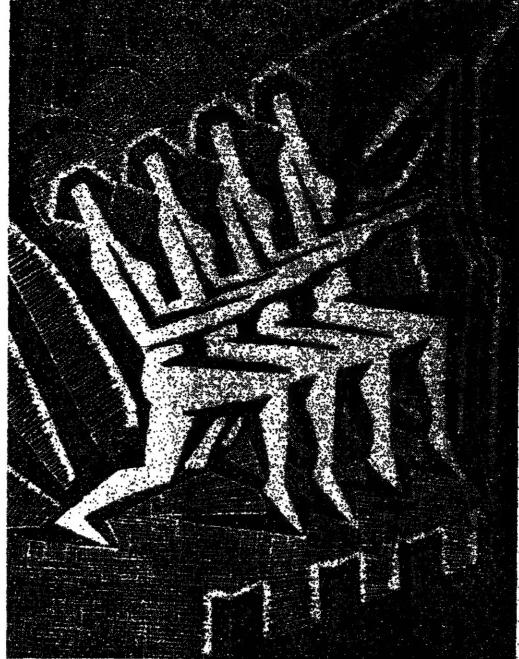
The Shoe Show

Not another Diaghilev exhibi-tion? Ah, but this is a really interesting and distinctive one. It presents Diaghilev in a somewhat unfamiliar context by isolating the British visits of his courses and considerby isolating the British visits of his company and considering them in relation to the British theatre of the time, the effect they had on British ardsts and dancers, the recruitment of new British ralent which took place because of them, and the legacy of Diaghilev in British ballet after his death.

It makes an interesting story, admirably documented in an informative catalogue and vividly illustrated by cosand vividly illustrated by costume and set designs, production photographs, clippings and other memorabilia. We can wonder again at the prodigal invention of Bakst in costume design, and the beauty of his working drawings. We can see original set designs by a host of famous and less famous names—Roerich, Gontcharove, Polunin—and even more intriguingly, by some rather unlikely-seeming British artists who had brushes with the ballet directly or indirectly through Diaghilev. Hera, for instance, are Christopher Wood's set designs (unused, in the event) for Romco and Juliet; here is designs (unused, in the event) for Romco and Juliet; here is a design by Ben Nicholson for a drop curtain in Massine's ballet Seventh Symphony; here are Paul Nash's sets for The Truth about the Russian Dancers (very Aldwych-farcical) and Vanessa Bell's delicious caricature-painting of Lopokova with J. M. Keynes Lopokova with J. M. Keynes peering at her from behind a curtain. For once, it is empha-tically not the same old relics dragged out and drenched in

The link between this show and the other at the Fine Art Society might seem to be requous. But Ethelbert White, for all his living in a caravan, the English rustic scene, was a lover of the baller and a fre-quent illustrator of it. The exhibition contains several of his gouaches on Diaghiley subjects, rivid in their tuppencecolours, as well as an impres-sive show of his sober, sometimes rather Camden Townish oils (he did exhibit on at least one occasion with Ginner). If anything, his watercolours are even better: in particular The

Mitsouko one more time.



Folies Bergères by George Bissill, whose fame was brief but who now stands to be rediscovered at the Belgrave Gallery; and a puce-coloured bar shoe of the 1920s, on show at the ICA

Quarry Men and The Railway Bridge achieve within their rel-atively small compass a genuinely monumental quality. George Bissill, even more improbably as someone who made his name mainly from painting miners, also had links with Diaghilev: there are two lively paintings in the Diaghilively paintings in the Diaghi-lev show based on his experi-ence of (or is it just photo-graphs of?) Dolin in Le Tram Bleu. But his real skills emerge in the show devoted entirely to his long-neglected work by the Belgrave Gallery. He had a meteoric rise to fame in 1925 with his drawings of miners fafter working for a while as a pavement artist outside Bush House), and con-

ten years. Then he dropped out completely, and how craft passes over into retired to the country and art. When furniture and interseems, a picture-restorer, who did an occasional landscape, of Sie et Mare, alias the Com-Winat this show reveals, how pagnie des Arts Français, any ever, is a strongly distinctive such distinctions one might propainter with an almost sculp-tural sense of form (it is not for nothing that he later on discovered a natural affinity with the woodcut). A few influences from Vorticism are visible here and there in his way of faceting his figures and defining them by areas of flat contrasted colours, but finally he is just not like anyone else. he is just not like anyone else. The exhibition is a really excit-

boring arguments about when, pose become irrelevant. The company was formed as a joint enterprise of an architect, Louis Sue, and a painter, Andre Mare, in 1919, and was dissolved in 1928. Its life-span, therefore, neatly straddles the Deco moment per excellence, the Paris Exposition des Aris Décoratifs of 1925, and its products, especially the furniture, are perhaps the purest expressions of the Deco spirit proper.

description of the chateau to Melisande ("très vieux et très sombre"). The giant trees that become the pillars of the château and the tower from which Melisande lets her tresses

fall are predictable, but the

economy matches the music; and their flexibility ensures the

flow which is essential to Debussy's vision. Some of the

costumes suggest a clash of period; it is not often embar-

Musically, this is a perform-

ance of quite outstanding excel-lence, so that a rare totality is achieved. Silvio Varviso, sup-

In the show of the Compag-nie's work and allied pieces now at the Foulk Lewis Collection in Fulham Road, where if succeeds an equally impressive show of the other great Deto French furnisme maker, Ruhlmann, we are offered an excellent opportunity to see exactly what that means. In the splendidly promeans. In the spienting produced catalogue Raymond Foulk argues convincingly for a clear separation to be made between the Deco artists integer all its immaculate craftsmanship in wood and may and the modernists who tend in get lumped in with them as all part of a great vague Assaire/Rogers Deco cyuthesis. Cartainly one cannot question the brilliance with which Sile et Mare play variations on familiar shapes and patterns, smoothing a curve here and samplyfying a line there, and on occasion, decking the result out in sich and elaborate inland patterns which would have driven Boalle mad, with alarm and perhaps also envy. all its immaculate craftsmanship

There are some pieces of furniture in the gaind new show of Sevres porcelain from the Royal Collection at the Queen's Gallery whith, currously enough, show just where ously enough, show just where Sile et Mare are coming from, as the Americans say! where their feet are firmly planted if not exactly where their head is et. The prima resson for these pieces being on show is that they contain inlaid plaques of Sevres; the secondary reason is what gives the show its happy putty slong with paintings and other items from the same period, they help to fill in the psychological and erristic background to these and erristic background to these rich and sometimes (one would have to say garish pieces of conspicuous consumption. After looking round the show one can at least feel one has "done" Sevres. And while it is difficult to rausein, altogether unim-pressed by so many man hours elaboration, an many man-hours so patently applied to things like the Louis XVI dioner and dessert service, only half finished in 1793, after 10 years in the works, I find that it is difficult also to warm to something so imperiously divorced from life.

Some of the shoes in The Shoe Show are pretty far divorced from life, too. But most of them seem down-to-earth, and the show is otherwise just what you might expect from an improbable summit meeting between the Institute of Contemporary Arts and the Cratic Council. That is, to say, it raises a lost of things which were in their time thought of primarily it terms of their function, cass them adrift from such base practicalities, and leaves us to contemplate them, one by one (no pairs) as objets just asking to be browned. There are a few be trouves. There are a few fantasy; on the other band (or foot), are sensible shoes of beauty to take your breath away. Now that Alien Jones seems to have forsaken boots and shoes as a suitable subject for artistic treatment. The Shoe Show seems likely to inspire many more to follow in his

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Whatever the composers dates may have been classical and romantic tendencies seemed to alternate in the piano dues recital which Anne Queffeles and Imogen Cooper gave yes-terday lunching at St John's. The theme of Mozart's Varia-tions, K 501, of 1786 is ideal for its purpose in that virtually it invites the creation of variants. These are written with a mar-vellous sensitivity to the four-handed medium and musical interest is punctiliously shared between the two players. The performance achieved grace without compromising the strength which lies beneath this work's light and luminous surface.

suctace. In character a large scherzo, Mendelssohn's Allegro Bril-lante, Oous 92, of 1841 is far busier than the Mozatt, even it says rather less. However, it also is quite ardent in its feelings and the composer exuberantly anticinated the modern concert graod piano when writing it. In one sense the Allegro is more difficult than the Mozar than the control of the contr the Mozart because its ele-ment of overt display leads in some vary tricky passages of ensemble. These were handled with admirable unar litt by Miss Queffelec and Miss

Despite the excitements of the movement called "Les entretiens de la belle et de la bete", we were back to classical restraint, or something like it, with Ravel's Ma Merz Pope, suite. The Mendelssohn is excellently written for four hands, yet Ravel's moving sim-plicity and directness makes such virtuosity appear redundant, no matter how enjoyable. Pure melody is the thiel point. as in "Pavane de la belle au bois dormani" or "La jardin feerique" and these pieces were played with very much the right kind of suggestion of wide-eyed innocences "Laider onnette, imporatrict des pagodes vas done with charm-ing piquancy, also; quire differ-

ent things happen at the same time here at some points, and they need careful reconciling Dvorak's Slavonic Dances are not written with the precise

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pair, which they played in suc-cession as the first part of the concert. Not having heard Nor-

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bert Brainin and his colleagues in person for some time, I found myself admiring all over again In Pelléas et Mélisande Debussy created a profound illustration of the power of music to lead words, in this case Macterimagination which they connot penetrate alone, a masterpiece which is absolutely character-istic of himself, and essentially have been less serious-minded to the music's advantage, pussy-French. Yet two of the most perceptive productions it has received in recent years have been staged in German theatres.

for instance, they never sought to overload their sense of Haydn's awareness of Beethoven The Munich Festival in 1973 had at least Jean-Pierre Pounelle as producer and designer, strong French oversight. The only slim French connection at Stuttgart is the pending departure of the musical director, Silvio Varviso, for the Paris Opera. The producer is Gotz Friedrich, the designer Andreas Reinhardt, and all the singers are new to their roles in the theatre. But together they have given the Württembergische Staatstheater a Pelléus et Mélisande in which tender illumination and fierce reality alternate and fuse into a

spirited eloquence.

Professor Friedrich underlines the factual and the physical, sometimes mercilessly, yet the poetry remains unbruised. This is because for long stretches he is content to match Debusse's insinuation with his own, often hinting rather than stating. Ponnelle at Munich began with a horrifying flash of Pelleas clutching a tree. a knife between his shoulder blades, summarizing the opera's agony and fear before a note had been heard. Friedrich is content to start with suspicion and built the tensions from

When Golaud leads Mélisance from the forest, she follows at a distance, edging forward here, retreating there, an animal whose trust is not completely won. A small point: but it speaks volumes and the mind is prepared.

By the time Pelléas embraces By the time Pelléas embraces three old men starving in Mélisande's tresses beneath her window, everything has sharpened. In the scene following Friedrich goes beyond the implications of the text. Goland confronting Pelléas is no adult femme-enjon; enigmonique rebuking childish play, but the that around her. One is kunter blocking the escape of effect of the château



Karan Armstrong as Melisande

the frightened victim. The hunter will side his time, but the kill is certain. This and the succording sauf scene make up the course of Priocitical's production, end Decusar's music linking the two consequently achieves a stronger than usual emotional relevance, and the vault scene itself an extra dimension of

Influences that are usually obscured are led from the shadows. We are more than usually aware of Pelleas's ailing father, made more conscious then usual that outside the stricken land: Friedrick does or restrict himself to a mere three old men starring in the But the two predominant in-fluences concern Melisande,

pulling against each other to suggest the conflict within the

femine-enjon: enigmonique and that around her. One is the

Melisande, the other that of Mélisande on the Chateau. Death and decay are emphasized by the buddled mourners who move across the picture; Arkel's shaven-headed, hollow-faced, black-coated servants look and move like funeral attendants. Yet as fear sur-rounds Melisande like a croeping mist, for Arkei she is the promise of light, a promise realised by the child he carries away from the darkness as

For Pelless and Mchsande, Friedrich creates a world in which they are gradually en-closed, and into which Golaud, uncomprehending, hovering voyeur, can only enter violently. When he does so, the shock is immediate. It is in the creation of such contrasts that Friedrich is dramatically so ef-

Andress Reinhardt's designs aware of Debussy's genius and take their cue from Goland's thinking of Maeterline's too.

achieved. Silvio varviso, sup-ported by orchestral playing that is idiomatically informed, handles Debussy's ecore with a manifest concern for the beauty of its harmonic pattern, so that textures are subtly shaded, and instrumental colours blend and separate, lighten and darken in a way that reflects the opera's deepening emotional situation. Two exceptionally fine persuccessful cast. The Pelless of Ryland Davies is sung and acted with a sensitive feeling for nuances of both music and characterization. It is a Pelless in which the singer is sensibly aware of the moment to which it is all leading, so that wonder grows gradually out of innocence, then awakens in a brief ecstasy of fulfilment at a Je l'as rrouvée", a Pelleas whose jour-ney into manhood has been traced inexorably. Wolfgang

schöne's Coland progresses similarly it is one of the strengths of the production that the half-brothers develop step by step. Schöne's singing is wonderfully tich and expressive a haritant rate of colour sive, a baritone voice of colour and resonance used to relling effect, a presence commanding and dramatic. and dramatic.

Karan Armstrong is a Melisande poignant and maying the
singing touched with much beauty, a figure to command and hold our fears and sympa

thies. Roland Bracht is an Arkel of sorrowful authority, haunted by destiny, Eike Estlinburing Geneviève is concerned and motherly, Christian Schulz a responsive Ynioid.
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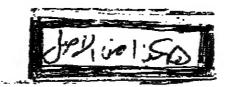
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House of Lords

Rearing pneasants for sport is not agricultural work

Before Lard Wilberforce, Viscount Dilitorne, Lord Diplock, Lord Sal-mon and Lord Russell of Killowen (Speeches delivered December 13)

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Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Mr Stanley Giles, formerly head gamekeeper to the Earl of Normanuon, of Somerley Park, Ringwood, Hampshire, and his wife, from the affirmation by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton) of a decision by Judge Lee at Salisbury County Court that Mr Giles had not been employed or worked in agriculture within the provisions of the Act, so that when his employment was terminated by notice in March, 1976, he was not a protected occupier of the cottage and an order for possession could be and was made against him.

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Johnson, QC, and Mr Hugh Bennett for Lord Normanon.

LORD WILBERFORCE said that LORD WILBERFORCE said that the question was whether a gameteeper was a person working
wholetime in agriculture. If so,
he was, as a qualifying worker,
emittled in the protection conferred
by the Rent (Agriculture) Act,
1976, in respect of the occupation
of his cottage. That was partly
a question of impression and partly
one of statutory interpretation.
The apparent simplicity of the case
was deceptive. was deceptive.

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was deceptive.

Mr Giles, as gamekeeper to Lord Normanton, occupied a cottage on the estate. The case had to be decided on the detailed evidence about his dudes. He had the normal task of producing pheasants during shoots and of preventing poaching: he cleared vermin and controlled deer. Also—and it was that on which he relied—be was responsible for rearing pheasants. In the spring he would catch birds for laving, clip their wings, and put them in pens in a walled garden adjoining his cottage. After laving and incubation of the eggs, the poults were put into release pens, and as they grew they walked out and in due course, it was hoped, became wild and available for shooting. The great majority of the birds shot were sold to butchers and game dealers, and no doubt ultimately to individuals by whom they were consumed as food. The proceeds went to maintain the whom they were consumed as food. The proceeds went to maintain the

The proceeds went to maintain the shoot.

Section 1(1) of the 1976 Act stated that "(a) agriculture includes—(i) dairy-faming and live-stock keeping and breeding (whether those activities involve the use of land or not!"; and by section 1(2) "Hvestock " included "any animal which is kept for the production of load, wock svins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the carrying on of any signicultural activity, and for the purposes of this definition "animal" includes bird but does not include fish ".

Before Mr Justice Dillon In considering whether to close

In considering whether to close a children's home a local authority need not give first consideration under section 12(1) of the Children Act, 1948, to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of each individual child at the home until the time came to implement the decision, and accordingly failure to consider, so far as possible, the wishes and

so far as possible, the wishes and feelings of the children did not render the decision invalid as be-ing ultra vires, null and void. His Lordship so held. In a reserved

Before the judge, who could be assumed not to be blind to the realities of country life, Mr Giles relied maiply on subsection (2). He contended that pheasants, at any rate his pheasants, were animals kept for the production of food and therefore were "livestock". That made them livestock tept and bred within section 1(1)(a), and therefore keeping and breeding them was "agriculture". There were two good reasons

breeding them was "agriculture". There were two good reasons why that argument did not succeed. First, the judge found that "the production of food is not the purpose for which birds are reared or for which Mr Giles was employed. The job of the game-keeper is to get as many pheasants into the woods (sic) so that they become wild. . . . A game-keeper is there to keep came, for the purpose of shooting and enjoyment. The purpose of shooting pheasants is sport. It is no part of food production or the keeping of livestock."

of livestock."

There was clearly evidence to support those findings, and they were fatal to the argument. It might be that unless people in general were willing to eat pheasants and pay for that pleasure, shooting would become uneconomic; but it did not follow that pheasants were produced for food. If they were to be so produced, many easier ways of rearing and killing them could be found.

Secondly, the section did not say "produced for food" but "kept for the production of food". Animals kept and bred fot food—to be eaten, such as cartle or chickens, came under section 1. But it was clear that pheasants this not come within section 2. uot come within section 2 at Whatever they did, they did produce food; they consumed

That did not, however, conclude the matter. It only led to the real point—whether pheasants were livestock and whether Mr Giles kept and bred livestock. Section 1(1)(a) was quite independent of section 1(2): the latter said what was included in livestock, not what "livestock meant. So their Lordships still had to consider whether, apart from the special inclusions, pheasants could be described as "livestock". It did on the authorities seem a puzzling question.

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seem a puzzling question.

Mr Giles, with exemplary relevance and economy, had referred the Bouse to a dumber of cases on "employed in agriculture", and Mr Johnson for Lord Normanton had contributed his share to the learning on the subject, part of which reinforced the common impressions that the rearing of pheasants for sport was suf generic and not to be equated with the rearing of other livestock.

Finally there was the recent the rearing of other livestock.

Finally there was the recent Court of Appeal decision in Lord Glendyne r Rapley ([1978]1 WLR 601), which raised exactly the same question as that now before the House and was followed by the Court of Appeal in the present case. In that case Lord Scarman held that "not every rural or country activity is intended to be included in the definition of agriculture. Fishing, for example, is clearly excluded. The definition

Closure of children's home valid

Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council

The relators' main complaint affect children in care but which would was that the council had ignored did not necessarily relate to such

its statutory duties under section 12(1) of the Children Act. 1948, as amended in 1975, which provided that "In reaching any decision relating to a child in their care, a local authority shall give first consideration to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood: and shall so far as practicable ascertain the wishes and feelings of the child regarding the decision and give duc consideration to them, having regard to his age and understanding."

Is really directed towards includlog al! operations involved in farm-ing land for commercial purposes of which the one relevant to this

ing land for commercial purposes of which the one relevant to this appeal is the production of food. The finding that these pheasauts were kept for sport, though 80 per cent of those killed and remiseed were in fact sold, is in our judgment conclusive. Mr Rapley's employment was to promote not agriculture but a field sport. This is a country activity but not an agricultural one".

Apart from the reference to the "production of food" his Lordship agreed with that passage. It was in line with the tenor of the cases referred to. Agriculture, however wide that activity had become, did not include everything that went on in the country. Rearling and keeping pheasants for sport was not thought of as—and there was not statutory or case authority for holding it to hear agricultural occupation; pheasacts so kept and reared were not "livestock" in an agricultural occupation; in the context: only such "brestock" was designated in section 1. The appeal must be dismissed.

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The Act did not attempt to define "agriculture" but by section 1(1)(a) stated some of the matters it included. As the definitions were not exhaustive, one must first consider whether, if they were not in the Act. Mr Giles should be held to have been eneaged in agriculture, and

cites should be held to have been engaged in agriculture, and secondly, taking the definitions into account, whether he should be held to have been so employed.

His Lordship considered the dictionary definitions of "agriculture" and "livestock", reviewed Mr Giles's activities and some of the authorities, and said that he could not regard any of Mr Giles's activities as agricultural activities. They were all directed to one end, to provide good sport for Lord Normanton and those who came to shoot with him. So, ignoring the definitions in the Act, it was not right to say that Mr Giles when working for Lord Normanton was employed in or worked in agriculture.

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Was he to be regarded as having been engaged in agriculture by virtue of the definitions in the Act? In the light of the judge's findings and the authorities, the definitions in the Act did not help Mr Giles. The Court of Appeal was right in the Glendyne case and in the present case.

Lord Diplock agreed with the speech of Viscount Dilhorne.

Lord Salman, though having

Lord Salmon, though having at issue. Was not prepared to dis-sent from the view that since the principal reason for keeping the pheasants was the sport of shoot-ing them, the appeal should be dis-

missed.

Lord Russell delivered a speech concurring in the view that "agriculture" per se was not a word appropriate to the preservation and breeding of pheasants for sporting purposes.
Solicitors: Payne, Hicks Beach & Co.

children; for instance, decisions on fitancial allocations; an whether to spend money modernizing, improving or repairing a particular home; and on spaffing.

So, equally, if the council had to consider whether a children's home should be used instead for a different social purpose, such as a hostel for homeless families, battered wives, or for old people.

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It was in fact under consideration that the Goldbawk Road
home should be used as a hostel.

The Children Act was concerned with the welfare of children, but not with the relative prlucities inter se, of the numerous calls on a local authority's finances. The decision to close the home made it ineritable that

finances. The decision to close the home made it inevitable that before it was implemented a decision would have to be reached in relation to each child in the home, but it did not follow that the decision itself related to each child. For the council to ascertain the wishes and feeling of the children on the complex questions which the leader's coordinating committee had to decide was totally impracticable.

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The relators, out of devotion to the children, had put in reports about each child. They showed appalling histories against which the home had provided the only stability the children had known. While one or two might be robust and responsible enough to cope with the change, there must be a fear that transfer elsewhere would have unfortunate effects on some of the children, however much social workers or others might endeayour to midgate them.

The council said that there were

The council said that there were now more vacancies in residential

homes than were likely to be required in the foreseeable future, so that the continued existence of the home would have had to be considered on any review of provision for community homes irrespective of requirements to save money.

money.

His Lordship did not think the council was in breach of its statutory duty.

Solicitors: Hammersmith and Fulham Community Law Centre; Mr C. T. Mahoney.

SPORT.

Rugby Union



McGregor is closer to first England cap

Rugby Correspondent

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Clinton Marales McGregor, the
Saracens, Middlesee and London
prop forward, has been chosen
to play for England against the
Rest in the trial match at Twickenham on January 5, and must thus
be accounted only one match away
from becoming the first black
player to represent his country
since James " Darkig " Peters, of
Plymouth, won five cops at standsince James. Derkie. Peters, of Plymouth, won five caps at standoff half between 1996 and 1908.

The versatile Fran Cotton has been switched to the loose head side, a position he occupied throughout the 1977 championship when Mike Burton was at tight head and Colin Smart, who was loose head against New Zeziand, has been demoted to the Rest XV. The stand-off, Les Cusworth, and the flamer, Mike Rafter, also lose status in the senior side, their places going respectively to John Horton of Bath and Roger Utiley of Wasps, whose performance on the blind side was one of the key factors in the North of England's success over the All Elacks at Otley

AlcGregor is a hallder's labourer, born in Jamaica 27 years ago, who

McGregor is a builder's labourer, born in Jamaica 27 years ago, who stands 5[1 11] and weighs in at 17 st. It soon became apparent when he joined Saracens as a Lumber eight from the Finchley club, that he had the technical skills, as well as the necessary physical attributes, to make an increasing mark at senior level in the front row, as was apparent when he enjoyed an excellent game for the London Division against the All Blacks in October. Speed and ball-playing skills, allied to solid scrummuging I which should now be fully tested by Smartl, give his game a valuable dimension.

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While Cusworth is now linked in the Rest XV midfield with his Leicester centres. Paul Dodge and Clive Woodward, the talented but mercurial John Horton is restored to faynur after losing his place last season as England's stand-off to Neil Bennett. Horton won four caps in 1978, the first when Alan Old was dropped after the international in Paris, and the last against New Zealand.

If the selectors regret that they did not pick Old against the next All Blacks side, they clearly are now determined to build for the future. In that respect, it is add not probably realistic that they do not consider the form of Huw Davles, the Coventry stand-off, to be consistent enough to merit a place in the trial, even as a potential replacement.

tial replacement.
However, the young Liverpool and Moseley player, Mike Perry, is one of the 10 reserves nomineted. Another reserve is the Bedford scrum-half. Nick

the selectors are giving time for the promising young Yerkshire player. Nigel Melville, to acquire greater physical strength. The recall of Utdey will inter-England's loose forward trip with more physical presence, as well as constructive expertise at close quarters. Rafter will play for the Rest in his hest position, agen side flanker, in collection with the two Swansea players, Mark Key-worth and Trevor Cheeseman, both of whom are highly-rated as members of a formidable club pack. Keyworth faded from the

members of a formidable clummack. Keyworth faded from the
English representative scene after
winning four caus in 1976.

Perhaps the two most interesting selections in the Rest pack
are those of Jim Syddall, the
Waterloo lock, and Philip Blakeway, the Gloucester tight head
prop. Syddell had an impressive
game for the North against the
All Blacks. Blakeway has made
a remarkable comeback this
season, after an alatiming teck
injury two years ago that
threatened to finish his career. A
fitness fanadic and a ferrome
scrummager, his ability will now
be fully tested by Cotton. His
selection as an under-21 cap for
the short England tour of Australia in 1975 was seen by some as
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The choice of Syddall and of Stephen Boyle, of Gloucester, as a reserve lock, means no place in the teams or the reserves for the Bristol forward, Nigel Pomphrey, England.

Bristol forward, Nigel Pomphrey, EMCLAND: W. H. Mare (Letester); J. Carleion (Girrl). A. J. Enong Sale. Sale. Sale. Preston (Richmond). M. Preston (Richmond). M. Preston (Richmond). M. A. C. Siemel, Sale. Sale.

Correction

We have been asked by the Committee of the Old Warwickian Rusby Football Club to state that an incident of alleged assault on a referee, involving one of their players and denied by the club, concerns what happened before and not, as stated in our report of Dec 11, after the player was sent off.

Boxing

Sibson signs on with the Finnegan camp

Leicester's middlewight Tony
Sibson has signed on with the
stable of the London manager,
Sam Burns, Sibson goes to Burns
with a Strong recommendation
from the manager's other wellknown middleweight, Kevin Finnegan. Mr Burns now controls two
of Britain's top three middleweights—the third is Alan Minter,
who is due to challenge for the
world championship in Las Vegas
next March. next March.

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"I was very impressed by Sibson", Mr Buras said yesterday, "and what is more important, so was Kevin Finnegan. He described him as one of the best prospects he had faced. We had a long talk and he has agreed to join us." Mr Burns realizes that his two

Mr Burns realizes that his two men may be boxing each other again in the near future for the British title. For the time being, the possibility is delayed because finnegan is due to meet Graden Tonna, of France, for the vacant European title in January.

"I regard Sibson as having outstanding potential", said Mr Burns.

"I believe that better sparring and a more sophisticated approach will make him even more formudable."

Sibson won the British title last March, one day after his 21st birthday, by hearing Frankie Lucas in five rounds, He lost it to Finnegan eight months later by a half-point margin.

For the record

Cycling

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Australia: 125 Dis. 2 G. Kreiemenn w 125 Dis. 3 Dis. 2 G. Kreiemenn w 125 Dis. 3 D

SAN JOSE (Costa Rico): Priendship Cup tournament 275: R Flord, 71, 54, 65, 12, 218 P, Jacobara, 03, 71, 67, 69, 280; D, Graham, 68, 75, 71, 68, 282; D, Weibring, 73, 68, 70, 71, 77, 283; C, Strange, 71, 68, 71, 74, 239; J, Hesiner, 71, 73, 72, 73, 273; J, Hesiner, 71, 73, 73, 73, 73, 74, 236; J, Fmught, 68, 72, 73, 73, 73, 298; J, Fmught, 68, 72, 73, 73, 73

Double-handed grip brings Male success

Cup for the third successive year.

Others have done it twice.

A secondary point is that this meeting sees the end of four family lines. The last of the three Cowdrey brothers of Tonbridge, Graham plays in the colts as does Charles Myrile of Winchester whose two elder brothers represented Winchester and Wellington. The fourth and last Paul. Joef. of Harrow plays in the Renny Cup and the third and last Paul. Joef. of Harrow plays in the Renny Cup and the third and last Paul. Joef. of Harrow Plays in the Renny Cup. Result's buildon-webber Cup. therewell, the Condition of the Cup. The Cup. The Condition of the Cup. The Cup.

render the decision invalid as being ultra vires, null and vold. His Lordship so held, in a reserved judgment, on a motion for an injunction resurating the closure of a community home at Goldhawk Road, sought by the Attorney General on the relation of Mr David Bell and six other social vorticers in an action against Hammersmith and Falham London Borough Council.

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HIS LORDSHIP said that the main claim was for a declaration that the council's decision to close the home at January 1. 1980, was ultra vires, null and void, and an injunction. In fact, the council had sow agreed to keep the home open until February 1. 1980, was ultra vires, null and void, and an injunction. In fact, the council had sow agreed to keep the home open until February 1. 1980, was ultra vires, null and void, and an injunction in fact, the council had for proposed of the course involved.

As the council had to prake substantial cuts in expenditure the leader's co-ordination committee decided on September 3 that the social services policy committee prepared a provisional list of reductions, including the closure of the Coldhawk Road home was approved. When the matter came of the Goldhawk Road home was approved. When the matter came of the Goldhawk Road home was approved. When the matter came of the coldination of the social services policy committee, or September 11, had before it reports of the leader's co-ordinating committee again on September 25, it was decided to close the home was approved. When the matter came of the coldination of the social services policy committee again on September 25, it was decided to close the home was approved. When the matter came of the coldination of the social services policy committee again on September 25, it was decided to cl Chart University Tutors

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Rackets

By Roy McKelvic
Rackets Correspondent
The first wholly double-handen
rackets plater, the equivalent of
Frew McMillan in tennis, appeared
in the schools championships
which began at Queen's Club yesterday. He is James Male, a colt
from Radley, the top-seeded
plater, who was almgether too
quick and aggressive for Tildesley
of Rugby whom he beat by 15—7,
15—1.
Because of the expansiveness of

of Rugby whom he hear by 15—7, 15—1.

Because of the expansiveness of the court and the high velocity of the trail, both demanding reach, ruckets has never encouraged double-handers. Male however has developed his style from tennus, at which he shows promuse, and has gone the whole hog. He even serves double-handed from the right hand hox though he can do so in orthodox manner. Hy is definitely stronger on the backhand side and hits the half-volley well but his defences, untested in thus match, could prove brittle under pressure.

The leading point of interest in the whole event, involving 116 hoys, is whether Richard Ellis of Halleybury can become the first player to win the H. K. Foster Cup for the third successive year. Others have done it twice.

A secondary point is that this match sees the order of four

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Wales had to concede defeat to
Hull City yesterday when their
respected English manager, Mike
Smith, agreed to join the third
division club under a contract that
the Welsh Football Association
could not match. Hull may have
to pay compensation because Mr to pay compensation because Mr Smith's contract had seven months

Trevor Morris, the Welsh FA secretary, said they were losing Mr Smith with "considerable recret". He said the Welsh finances would not allow them to compete with Hull who are understood to have offered £250,000 for a saventy and agreement. Other a seven-year agreement. Other higher placed and currently more flustrious clubs will be annoyed that they were outbid for a manager of integrity and sound coaching credentials.

Mr Smith and the Welsh assistant director of coaching, Bobby Brown, will start work at Boothforty Park on January 1. Hull dismissed their former manager, Kenneth Houghton, last week, and knowing that Wales had failed to qualify for the European Championship final rounds in Italy, made a timely approach. Wales in quality for the European Chain-pionship final rounds in Italy, made a timely approach. Wales will not have to appoint a new manager as muckly as possible to prepare for World Cup qualifying Among leading managers Mr Smith is an enigma. Although the son of a professional player, his own career was spent as an

win career was spent as an mateur. He played for Lough-orough Colleges, the Universities thletic Union and Corinthian Casuals. After spending nine years teaching in Sussex, he was appointed team manager and cosch to the Conference of English Grammer Schools and then made manager of the Welsh mareur ream.

Despite his sound apprentice-Despite his sound apprentice-ship, he was seen as something of a quiet outsider on the day of his appointment as Wales's manager in August, 1974. One of the reasons was that on the same day England's new manager, Don Revie, began his international career. At that time, Scotland's manager was Willie Ormond, and Northern Ircland's was Terry

Neill, Internationally Mr Smith has survived them all by some distance and won a substantial reputation.

He was the first full-time man-He was the first full-time man-aner of Wales and soon impressed the players by, among other things, providing them with cogious information on their opponents. His work with Cyrfi Lea, a coach, was given expres-sion on the field by the captain, Yorath. The partnership led Wales to the last European champion-ship quarter final round, thus becoming the only team from Britain to qualify. His contribution to Welsh foot-

His contribution to Weish foot-ball from the time he was first appointed director of coaching has been of enormous value, especially in tandem with the administrative work of Mr Morris, himself a former club manager. For some time Mr Smith had to battle against Weish critics who could not bring themselves to accept an English coach. accept an English coach.

If a single occasion convinced remaining sceptics it was the day in 1977 when Wales best England at Wemblev, one of the results that caused Mr Revie so much orguish. In fact, a 2—1 win in Huneary in 1975 had given Mr Smith even more professional satisfaction, along with a 3—0 World Cup qualifying competition victory over Czechoslovakia that victory over Czechoslovakia that proved of no avail after a defeat by Scotland.

For much of his time in Wales, Mr Smith has struggled against a lack of depth in top class players, lack of depth in too class players, but it has been noticable that even those in poor club form have often played above themselves in the red shirt. But the deficiencies were exposed in October when West Germany heat Wales 5—1 in Cologne. A 1—0 defeat by Turkev in Ismir last month was probably a more frustrating result, confirming that Wales would not irin England in next summer's European champiooship finals and ending in bad tempers.

The Welsh FA have done well to keep their ralented manager for so long. Mr Smith has had a number of attractive offers from



Saudi Arabia. His choice of Hull City, a lower third division club a lower third division club, surprise some larger clubs would have welcomed his

former England manager, will take up his consultancy agreement with Leeds immediately but this does not mean that Leeds will necessarily use his services, the Press Association reports. After a Leeds board meeting last night, the club The position regarding Mr Revie is that we came to an arrangement with him seven years ago when he was manager and before there was any question of him going to Dubai.

"The position is that he will be paid near enough £10,000 a year for nine years and it takes effect immediately. We can call upon him as a consultant for his advice if we wish to do so and we can require him to attend four board meetings a year should we want his advice but he has two more years to do abroad."

Names of the future written in the wind

John Cartwright, the England

then at least to the top.

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(GEGS Slacthern: A. Milnes (Manchester CS). N. Murphy (GEGS, Slacthern). A.

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FA YOUTH: R. Horn (Crystal Palace): T. Collen (Reading). F. Clari

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Referee: D. Willey (Heris).

The following were selected in

The following were selected to epresent the Public Schools at the festival at Skegness in

N. McKeeyer (QSGS. Blackburn).

A. Milles (Manchester GS). N. Murchy (QGGS. Blackburn).

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By Stuart Jones
Public Schools 2 FA Youth 2
Like a giant fan a bone chilling,
southerly wind stood on one touchline at Roehampton yesterday and
tried to blow all in its path across
the chart The 22 players, how tried to blow all in its path across to the other. The 22 players, however, convincingly won the struggle against the elements, although the two sides finished deservedly on level terms, a result which pleased particularly the Public Schools. Last year they went down 7-0.

This year a rich northern

This year a rich, northern accent percaded their side but it was one of only two southerners. Robson at the heart of the defence. who took the eye. He had to contend with three youth inter-nationals in the second half and did so with a calm maturity. Remarkably, he is only 15 years and two weeks old.

The other southerner, Wyatt. also distinguished himself by breaking the deadlock. Several half chances at 75 minutes had come and gone when he seized on a defensive error and lobbed, with neat precision, over the on a detensive error and notice, with neat precision, over the stranded Horn. But the blow did no more than sting the pride of the FA Youth. Within five minutes they were ahead. First the diminutive Walsh, one of the internationals, climbed high to head home a corner. Then a neat combination between the other two internationals, B. Brooks and G. Gibson, opened a gap wide enough for Brooks, a smaller rep-lica of Wilkins; his senior England colleague, to beat McKeown. colleague, to beat McKeown.

As the darkening canopy above began to match the red shirts of the Public Schools, to their credit, they came back and equalized. Stretton's through ball set Wood free and, although Horn blocked his shot, Howard, a tireless run-

Scotland turn to Bannon

Geoif Hurst had taken over as manager from Danny Blanchflower Bannon, aged 20, starts his international career alongside McGrain of Ceitic and Johustone of Rangers who are recalled to the Scotland side after long absences. West Ham United's full back, Ray Stewart, captains the Scotland Under-21 side in tonight's European championship tie at Tynecastie Park. Eamonn Bannon, the Dundee United and former Chelses mid-field player, will make his first full international appearance for Scotland in tomorrow's European scottand in tomorrow's European championship qualifying match against Belgium at Hampden Park. Bannon played 27 league matches for Chelsea after his £200,000 move from Reart of Midlothian in Jamisty, and Dundee United paid £175,000 for him soon after

Proudlove sent off as Stafford go out

Youth team manager, praised the bariling qualities of the schoolboys and was particularly impressed by Robson. His headmaster. Dick A goal at the end of each half was enough to clinch Blackbuch Rovers' passage to a third round home the against Fulbam and Stafford Rangers' gallant fight was marred after 75 minutes when Proundove was sent off after an altercation with Round-It was the second time this season that Proudlove had been sent off by the Rocherham referee, Arnold Challinor, the previous incident being at Boston.

Three Blackburn players had Robson. His headmaster. Dick Sale, of Brentwood, also watched the performance with interest. "Just think," he said, "he was in detention on Friday afternoon." Such names as Wilkins, Boddle, Histore, Barnes and Statham, bave emerged at this level and gone on to higher England honours. It may not be long before Robson finds himself at the foot of the adder that can lead, if not to the sky, then at least to the top.

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Three Blackburn glayers had their names taken, Brotherston, Keeley, and Round, along with Desne of Stafford. Crawford put Blackburn ahead after 43 minutes when he collected a pass from Kendall, ran 40 yards and beat the advanting goalkeeper. The Blackburn defence, which has the best record in the third division, looked strangely out of touch and they came under pressure from the non-league side.

Proudlove and Nixon went close in the first half and although Blackburn looked more settled after the break, Stafford also had their moments. Secker and Chapman spurmed good openings and the Albance side should have had at least one goal for their efforts. McKenzie added Blackburn's second in injury time.

Docherty returns

The Queen's Park Rangers manager, Tommy Bocherty, has promised to attend today's second division game against one of his former clubs, Chelses. He said: "I am determined to be at the match even if I have to crawl all the way from Chesterfield."

Yesterday's results

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Sports Council

Council advised to review situation

Paul Stephenson, the only black member of the Sports Council, told vesterday's council meetings in London, attended by the Minister for Sport, Hetter Monro, that he was totally opposed to the fact-fluiding mission which plans to risk South Africa near month, led by Dick Jeeps, the council chair had been and the governing bodies of sports. In this country had the result of sports about the mission could discover anything new only four months after the British Government had told the council there were insufficient for sporting semilarly multi-racial.

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Show jumping

The Smiths keep the family flag flying

By Pamela Macaregor-Morris

The closing afternoon of the
Olympia international jumping
show was dominated by Smith,
father and son. The former won
the Radio Remals power and
speed competition on Sanyo
Sanmar, who heads the national
top 10 table for 1979. He won by
two seconds from Malcom Pyrah,
on Yorkshite Relish. Robert kept
the family flag flying, won the
Norwich Union Mistletoe Chase on
Albabama, a winner here last Albabama, a winner bere last night. Portugal's Manuel da Costa made the early runting on Fola-made the early runting on Fola-mour Rouge, in 53.3 sec. but roung Smith, jumping near the ead, cut the done to 51.3 sec. Finally Gilles Bertrand do The World Cup Volvo, for which the Erithe qualifier is the closing grand orix of this five day show, is £200,000 the richer,

thanks to the patronage of the Royal Netherlands Agricultural Ministry. They have done a deal with the original sponsors, by which most of the Volvos sold in Europe will be made in The Netherlands rather than in Sweden. As the Dutch are keen Sweden. As the Dutch are keen agriculturists and also promote the sales of their home-bred horses, such as John Hardings Marius, on whom Caroline Bradley won the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in 1978, they have decided to identify themselves more closely with international show jumping.

POWER AND SPEED COMPETITION: I, Smith' Sarrow Sannari 11. Coursel Rephouse Lids a York-attro Royal Parkhouse Lids a York-attro Royal Revenge.

Golf

Torrance breaks | Writers' trophy record by one stroke

Cali, Dec 16.—Sam Torrance of Britain won the Colombian Open here today by Euree strokes from Ray Carrasco of the United States. On the second round, Torrance broke the course record set by Arnoid Paimer 23 years ago with a 64—one stroke better than Article Patter 23 years and with a 64-one stroke better than Patter.

Bertard Langer (West Germany) finished shead of Torrance and Spain's Manuel Pinero on the South American circuit, which finished with the Colombian Open, eithough he failed to win one of the fire tournaments. The other tournaments were in Argentins, Chile, Brazil and Venezuela.

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goes to Ballesteros

Severiano Ballesteros, who won the Open championship at Lytham last July, is the 1979 winner of the Association of Golf Writers' Trophy, awarded to the man to have done most for European golf distinction of the man to have done most for European golf during the year. Ballesteros, aged 22, is the first Continental player to win the award which, until this year, was confined to residents of Britain and Ireland. He took the Open title by three shots from Jack Nicklaus and Ben Crenshaw and Nicklaus and Ben Crensnaw and was only the second Continental winner. He also won the Lada English classic, but narrowly failed to head the European Order of Merit for a fourth successive season, losting first place to Sandy Lyle, second in the golf writers' poll.

The Britain and Ireland PGA Cup side of club professionals, who beat the Americans for the second year running in the Isle of Man in September, were placed third.

Athletics

Athletes club propose plan for open competition

which paid and an atour athletes could compete alongside cach

The British Amateur Athletics Board are to be asked how far they are prepared to support a plan to set up an official system of open athletics. The initiative comes from the international Athletis Club. They hope the board can be persuaded to back a West European Federation in which paid and agratus athletis. call an extraordinary general meeting in February to formulate a proper resolution." which paid and arrateur athletes could compete alongside each other.

The draft proposal was due to have been discussed at Sunday's extending meeting of the IAC at performances. There would be a Longhborough, but was left off the agentla due to pressure of other to retain full amateur status.

Rugby League

The incredible Hull

There is a man in Hull wan will not cat bacon. Not because of any not eat beech. Not because of any more; detects or religious scruples, but because red and white, the colours of bacon, are elso the colours of Huil Kingston Rovers, There are others who forbid their children to est mint humbugs are black and white, and they are the ard socially by allegione to Huil. Those was fellow the fortunes of the two clubs swear that these stories are not operaphal. They are symptomatic of the fanatical rivalry that delides east Huil from rivalry that divides east Hull from West Hull, which will come to the boil grain in tenibr's final of the BEC2 Floodilt Trophy, it or the BBC2 Findant from the will be played before an all-ticket crowd of 16,000, and reporters, grasts and vicitors from other parts of the country are liable to be asked not to intervene in a family quarrel.

The ferocity of the rivalry is akin to that which divides Glasgow between Rangers and Celtic and between Rangers and Celtic and Merseyside between Liverpool and Everton. The city is split in two mographically by the river Hull and socially by allegiance to Hull on the west bank and Rovers on the east bank. Some supporters are so fierce in their legalities, and so unreasoning, that they will not cress the river to the rival ground even for a local derby game. This will deprive some Rovers' supporters et a sear tonight.

Both sides are below full strength, Rovers missing their inspiration. Millward, and Hull their scrum-half. Pickerill. However, individual personalities will be submerged tonight in an explosive confrontation that, as they say, will leave no room for faint bearts.

Taste of Yorkshire relish at a London lunch

Racing Correspondent

There were two themes central to this year's Derby awards which were presented by Lord Derby at the annual lunch given in London yesterday by the Horserace Writers and Reporters Association. They concerned the stables controlled so astutely yet so differently by Peter Easterby and Henry Cecil. Easterby was presented with the National Hunt trainers award for the second time in three years.
"The only time I seem to find
myself in London these days is to
receive either an award or be up
before the beaks in Portman

was what Fred Winter said to me recently and yesterday his remarks were widely endorsed. Easterby has worked wonders with the likes

Stanhope Joel.

After all the triumphs of last summer it was hardly surprising to see Henry Cecil and Joe Mercer on the platform together respectively acclaimed as the flat racing trainer and Jockey of the year and trainer and jockey of the year and each vowing to be back again in the same role in 12 months time. Cecil's strike rate this year was quite phenomenal. Next year he will have 135 horses behind him, besides Mercer, in his quest to become champion trainer for a fourth time in only five years. Incidentally, Cecil will be taking on Ryan Jarrie's son, William, as his assistant trainer in March when the "next of the Jarrises" Aced 19. William Jarvis Is set to take over his father's stables in Newmarket just as soon as he has sained the necessary experience. This will continue still further the close link that his famous racing family has had with the town for to many years.

first time this year, received a warm reception when Lord Derby presented him with his award. Mercer's success this year coincided with the publication of a book called My Greatest Race (Michael Joseph, £7.50) edited by Joha Rughes, this book gives 30 top jockeys the opportunity to tell the story of their greatest triumph. triumph.

Quite what Clement Freud is doing among that elite 30 to the exclusion of Mercer, who was, after all, closely associated with that great raceborse. Brigadier Gerard, I do not know, but with contributions from Sir Gordon Richards, Lester Piggott, Fred Winter and John Francome it is Winter and John Francome it is good reading, nevertheless.

The photograph on the jacket was taken by Gerry Cranham, who is arguably the finest photographer in recipg. It was during the absence of The Times earlier this year that Guinness Superlatives Limited published the Guinness Guide to Steeplechasing. At a cost of £11.95 this gives the reader a real taste of what Cracham can serve up. The text was written by that formidable pair of commentators and former jockeys, John has worked wonders with the likes of Sea Pigeon, but on this occaof Sea Pigeon, but on this occasion it was his Cheitenham Gold close link that his famous racing family has had with the town for killed in this year's Grand National, who was foremest in our National, who was foremest in our minds as Mrs Solna Jones re
Not surprisingly Mercer, who became champion jockey for the Oaksey and Richard Pitman.

Folkestone programme

prevent a rapeat of the debacle at Aintree's Chair fence during this year's Grand National were announced by the Jockey Club yesterday. Nine horses fell or were brought down in the race and Kinted broke his back and had to be destroyed. The cause After lengthy discussions, the Jockey Club have devised a plan to use the burdles course as an escape route for riderless horses providing a direct line to the racecourse stables generally the target of loose horses. Next year there will be a substantial gap in the hurdles course rails immediately before the fauce prior to the Chair and a second gap in the running rail before the Chair itself. Both gaps will be guarded by deflectors to prevent horses already on the hurdles course from rejoining the field. target of loose borses. Next year

Gifford can continue to carry all before him

9-4 Sandar, 100-30 Limit Up. 9-2, Go Arrowsmith, 15-2 Errantry, 3-1 Rock-bitus, 13-1 Weith Jester, 20-1 others.

3.15 " NO SILVER " HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £565 : 21m)

josh Gifford is well on the way to one of his best ever seasons. And judging by the way in which certain lines of form are working

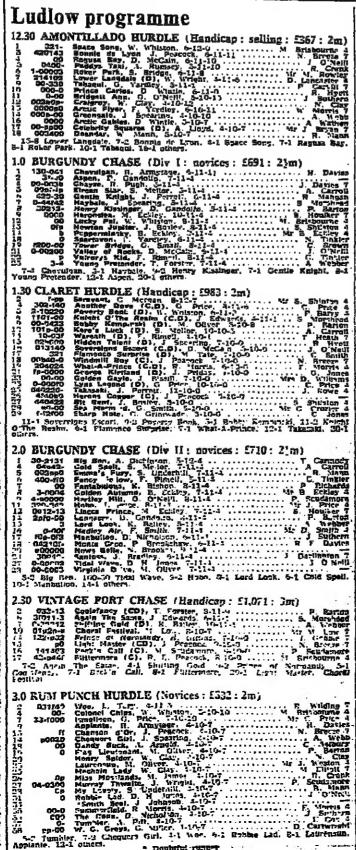
certain lines of form are wuricing out ills improving young steeple-chaser. Jack Madness, looks likely to justify favouritied in the Welsh Grand National, sponsored by Joe Corel, at Chepstow on Seturday.

Before the seven-year-old's impressive defeat of Chumson at Cheitanham, Jack Madness had beaten Spiderman by 15 lingths at Wincanton. Similarly Mac Vidi, who had previously monisted the same house in equally impressive fashion at Ascot, went an to win Lingfield's Dick Brancis Steeplechase. To hammer home the point yet again Raffil Nelson, the easy winner of last. Saturday's SGB Steeplechase at Ascot had, in an earlier race, besten Spiderman at Stratford-on-Awon.

Gifford could well land a double

Sawver and Southern Mobile in golding should have the edge. At Ludlow, Big Ben, an

winner at Market Rasen, should have little difficulty in dosposing of his rivals in the second division of the Bargundy Novices Steeple-chase. Knight O' the Realm is fancied to capture the Claret Handiap Hurdle and the form of Coolstons, leaves road around at Gifford could well land a double collafancy looks good enough to at Folkestone this afternoon by win the Virtage Fort Handicap winning the first division of the Steeplechase for Tim Forster.



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India are well placed after Binny knocks heart from Pakistan

Bombay, Dec 17.—India took a irm grip on the third Test here day and Pakistan had lost six access for 112 at the close of the

other and reasons and lost six rickets for 112 at the close of the econd day's play. Earlier India ad taken their total to 334, the iter batsmen dashing Pakistan's opes of wrapping up the innings tickly. The last four wickets dded 102 runs to the overnight of 232.

India's bowlers then knocked to heart out of the visitors' bating. Roger Binny, playing in his lird. Test, struck Brst, taking ickets in his second and third vers. Majid Khan, whose top ore in five innings in this series 40, was caught behind, sparring a ball outside the off stump, theer Abbas, aiming at the wers, was then bowled by a ball oning into him.

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Mudassar Nazar and Javed fandad helped Pakistan recover reach 42 for two at tea. But 11 into later Nazar and Mlandad fell ithin the space of four runs, asim Raja was the next to go, ught by Vishwanath off. Dilip oshi for 24.

Raja would have been out when that made 15 if Binny had held to a return catch. The attempt take the catch injured Binny's ngers, forcing him to stay off e field for the rest of the afternon. He had the best bowling rformance with three wickets for runs. Doshi took two for 25.

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Parry runs through Tasmania's tail

Launceston, Dec 17.—The West Indies will fly to Brisbane tomor-row, satisfied with an overwhelming victory over Tasmania the past four days.

The touring team took only 58 addutes to wrap up the match this morning, giving them 2 win by an innings and 61 runs.

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Tasmania resumed at their overnight score of 235 for six with Woolley 85 not out and Campbell 20 not out. They were all out for 271 after their first innings total of 213, to which the West Indies had replied with a record 545 for five declared. Woolley and Campbell increased their seventh wicket partnership to 95 runs as Woolley seemed set for his second first class hundred. However, he was out seven runs short of his century.

From there it was easy poing

From there it was easy going for the West Indies who had established a first innings lead of 332 runs over the weekend. Parry, an off spin bowler, claimed the remaining wickets of the other overnight batsmen. Campbell (30), Wilson (10) and Majewski (4) in just half an hour. It left the Tasmanians 51 runs short of forcing the visitors to bat a second time.

Selectors announce Ian Chappell's return to Australian team and Lillee remains defiant

Future of Dilley may lie as an all-rounder

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Perth, Dec 17

This has been an unimaginable year for Graham Dilley, the 20-year-old cricketer currently playing for England against Australia in Perth. Unknown when the year began, at any rate beyond the boundaries of Kent, he now finds himself having, as an apprentice, to do a man-sized job in the highly charged atmosphere of the Australian cricket scene.

Until last Friday, Dilley had never spent a full day in the field or been called upon to bowl with a second new ball. On Saturday afternoon he went out to bat in a crisis in a Test match against Australia and was still undefeated when the England innings ended, three and a half playing hours later. Mike Brearley, the England captain, was delighted and surprised to find how well Dilley comed.

Dilley coped.

"I had never really seen him bat before", Brearley said. Today Dilley has been resting his blistered feet. He is tired and his feet are sore. He has had to be rushed into service because of the early return to England, with a shoulder injury, of Hendrick, and he is finding it tough going.

As a boy of 13, still at Dartford West Secondary School, Dilley put his head through the window of Colin Page's car, Mr Page being the Kent manager, and asked how to become a county cricketer. We initiative brought him a will in the His initiative brought him a trial in the nets at Chatham and four years later he

chance of an extended run in Kent's championship side last season when Jarvis, one of the opening bowlers, fell

Jarvis, one of the opening bowlers, fell off a bicycle, and he did well enough to win the last of the fast bowling places in the England party to Australia.

For a short time after leaving school, Dilley had been a diamond setter at Hatton Garden. Since then he has grown into a great strapping creature, 6ft 3in and weighing 11st. He has more the and weighing 14st. He has more the plodding walk of an oarsman than the more supple movements of a fast bowler. However he is fortunate in Australia to be under the eye of Bernard Thomas, the England team's physiotherapist, a specialist in making games players more athletic than they players more

Dilley has blue eyes and fair curry hair, and a good Anglo-Saxon head. On the field he is aggressively patriotic. In Sydney last week, in a one-day international, he raced down the pitch after bowling the Australian wicketkeeper, Marsh, bimself no angel, and passed the time of day in a way to make even marsh, himself no angel, and passed the time of day in a way to make even Marsh stop in his tracks. Dilley will need to guard against allowing a healthy contempt for battemen, which is a part of the make-up of most successful fast howlers. bowlers, to become something unduly nationalistic.

The last Englishman to come to Australia as such a speculative choice as Dilley was Tyson in 1954/55, and Tyson, during that tour, became the world's fastest bowler. Dilley will never be that, I think. He is faster already than when

accurate, and he is learning all the time. But he is heavy to be forever striving for speed, and his action is too open for the purists. His future, because of this, may lie as an all-rounder, rather than as a specialist fast bowler. Having given him the chance to bowl. Mr Page's next good turn to Dilley and England might be to encourage his batting.

The rebels reign supreme in Australia at the moment. Within hours today of Lillee saying that if he is called upon to bat again in the first Test match he will do so with his aluminium hat, the Australian selectors announced the return of Iau Chappell to their team for their next two one-day internationals—against West Indies in Sydney on Friday and England in Sydney on Boxing Day.

Sydney on Boxing Day.

Chappell and Pascoe come into the Australian one-day side in place of Toohey and Bright, who are playing in the present Test match. Walters, Walker and Laughlin are also omitted from the team that lost to England in Sydney last Tuesday. Ian Chappell, who is 36, retired for the first time from first-class cricket in 1976. Farly from first-class cricket in 1976. Early last month, having returned to play for South Australia, he was at once suspended for three weeks for swearing et an umpire. This was followed by a further supension of (a suspended sentence this time) six weeks for misconduct in the match between England

There were those who listened to

second occasion who thought that he was near the end of his lether. Since then, though, he has escaped with a lighter penalty than he may have expected and made 82 for South Australia against Victoria in the match which ended today. By bringing Chappel: back and countenancing Lillee's behaviour the Australians seem prepared to go to almost any lengths to find a winning side.

Already, though, England's sights in the first Test match are centred upon the first Test match are centred upon saving it. The chances are dust to do so they will need to bat for at least eight hours—from teatime tomorrow, that is, until the end of play on Wednesday. While saving that that is something "we ought to be able to do" Brearley admits that that is a very different thing from doing it. Unless the pitch becomes progressively slower and easier I find it hard to see their escaping.

escaping.
Among Brearley's other rest Among Brearley's other rest day reflections were the impression that Australia could yet be howled out sooner than would suit them, and the feelinh that if Lillee does come in again with his controversial bat the umptress should need no reminding of their decision in Australia's first innings that he must change it. he must change it.

Minor operation: England's assistant manager, Ken Barrington, enters hospital tomorrow for a minor opera-tion to correct a depressed cheekbone

Miss Ruzici forfeits title ifter muscular injury

Hana Mandlikova, of Czechovakia, beat Virgiula Ruzici, of
mands in the womens' singles
ai of the South Australian
ten tennis tournament at
leader yesterday, by forfeit.

The American team was just
too good for us," the disconso-Mrs Ruzici was trailing 5-7.
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iii Read, and said she believed had pulled a thigh muscle could not continue.

I injured the thigh muscle reral days ago in a doubles nich and aggravated it in the state today." Miss Ruzici said. ironically, she played in the "ubies with Miss Mandilkova" won the final on the presus night against Susan Barker Britain, and Pam Shriver, of a United States, 2-6, 6-4,

A crowd of 3,000 watched the gles final which was postponed im Sunday because of rainess Rusici said after the march it she was now doubtful for New South Wales Open nowing pleased at Sydney, in this tournament Shlomo ickstein, of Israel, eliminated defending champion Tom lidson, of the United States, in I first round of the men's igles yesterday. The little own Glickstein treated a stimulating display of power tals as he overtame the enth seeded, Wilkinson, 6-2,

"I'm ranked number one at Abu Alba; South Australian but I think my world. Women's surject: Final; ing is only about 255." Glick- Mandikous (Croch) best-fluid (Romand). a former israeli are ut, said after the matth. After getting through the lifting rounds, I was a little uppointed when I discovered be playing last year's ner." Glickstein said. "But

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of victory over Italy in the

Davis Cup final in Sau

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e the first team to win every

cup in doubles on the previous day but yesterday's match between McEuroe and Zugarelli was not a pushover for the American even though he won 6-4, 5-3, 5-1. though he won 6—4, 5—3, 6—1.

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heatrical approach takes ame a stage further

Rex Bellamy ash Rackets Correspondent or the first time squash lets is to be played on stage; theare, with seats available, the stalls, circle and upper le. The event will be the third upionship of the International lish Players Association, the Players Association, the the Gaumont Theatre, and the sponsors bey Life Assurance Com-

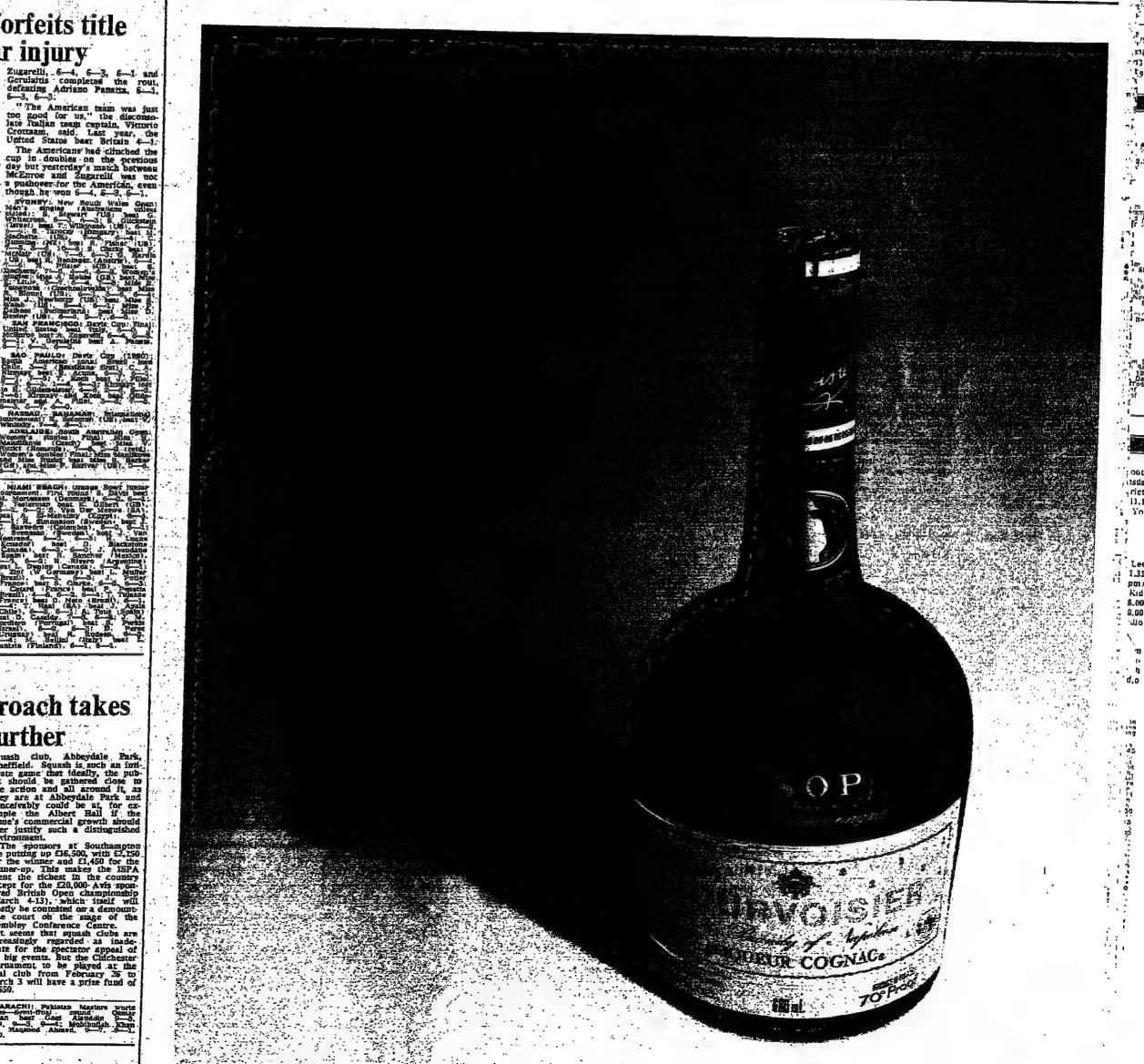
nary and first rounds will be ed at the Trojans Club, East-1. From February 9 to 13 the apionship will be contested at Gaumont, where what has be-known as a "demounable" li be crected on stage glass back wall facing

ing Initiative. Any innovation shares the game's pleasures a larger and wider public is welcomed. The two previous championships, won by championships, won by Zaman and Geoff Hunt, played in Britain's best despectator arena—at that appointed and congental

squash club, Abbeydale Park, Sheffield. Squash is such an intimate game that ideally, the public should be gathered close to the action and all around it, as they are at Abbeydale Park and conceivably could be at, for example the Albert Hall if the game's commercial growth

able court on the stage of Wembley Conference Centre. It seems that squash clubs are creasingly regarded as inade quate for the spectator appeal of the big events. But the Chichester tournament to be played at the local club from February 25 to

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Brotherly love, all too absent round the table



Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo at Lancaster House

Rhodesia these past 14 weeks of reconciliation among the parties, or at least a decent respect, one side for the other, then the long negotiations at Lancaster House have proved a failure. In this sense the parties of the least a decent show for it. parties, or at least a decent respect, one side for the other,

then the long negotiations at Lancaster House have proved a The Patriotic Front have never concealed the contempt which they feel for the Africans who as they see it, sold out by joining Bishop Muzorewa's number of regions They decided puppet " regime. They despise them more than the whites do the Rhodesia Front Overall, they have dismissed their opponents as being beneath serious consideration morally

and politically. These feelings are recipro-These recipro-cated, if less stridently, in the Rhodesians' artitude to the guorrilla leaders. Porsonally, they fear and mistrust them. Nor, as the often repeated. Charge of "communism" shows, do they have much com-prehension of the guerrillas' nationalism or their politics. But while the two sides come

out of the conference holding each other in mutual disregard, there is a significant difference in their present standing. The Patriotic Front assent at each stage of the conference has been grudging. Now that they accept the ceasefirs, they enter the run-up to the elections feeling resentment, believing in some respects they are being cheated, and their bitterness is

mainly directed at the British Government, in the person of Lord Carrington, the confercontrast Bishop Muzorewa's delegation emerges in good order, with a sense that t has secured a sound basis on which to fight an election campaign. This disparity in their Although much has been said in tribute to Lord Carrington's decisive handling of the conference, he could not have succeeded in getting so far bow-

ever inspired his touch and timing might have been, had it not been for the much larger and wider influences converging on a successful outcome.
The most important of these was probably the war weary-ness and economic straits of the Patriotic Front's backers, the states on which they depend for sanctuary and support, All the more surprising therefore that the Patriotic

to lack adroitness and skill abilities. Again and again, they have pitched their demands extravagantly high only to back down, without all that much to

Bishop Muzorewa's delegation, though in an obvious sense-less clever, managed to put itself on the right side of decisions, by reacting quickly. It is altogether too easy to say they had nothing to lose or lieves that the single most important concession at the conference, which made the whole thing feasible, was whole thing feasible, was Bishop Muzorewa's agreement to give up the power he had won and to stand down.

won and to stand down.

Naturally the two sides of the Patriotic Front have their differences, though they have held together remarkably well. For all their claims to represent the people of Zimbahwe-claims earned by sacrifices and struggle, some members of the alliance may not in their deepest sense have believed in a settlement, at least on the terms available.

war in the bush to the negotiat-ing table. And having arrived at Lancaster House there was a temptation to underestimate a temptation to underestimate their opponents. Certainly it was difficult for the Patriotic Front to appreciate how much the political background had changed, since the ill-fated Anglo-American plan and that with new men and a new approach, their former negotiating possure needed to be changed too.

Lord Carrington always held the initiative in calling the con-ference in setting deadlines for the constitution in insisting on the interim arrangements, in sticking to his ceasefire pro-posals in sending out Lord final agreement and in main without the Patriotic Front.

It is probably unfair to say as has been suggested, that the Patriotic Front were victims of their own propagands. Nevertheless it has been extremely hard for them to negotiate in a positive spirit, for understand-able reasons. The net result is that they have come out of the conserence, which will certainly be hailed as a success by the western world and now that there is a ceasefure by Africa too, looking less capable and composed than they deserve. Meanwhile the underlying prob-lems of their own unity here

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The ghost of witch-hunts past

It is well known that, in Santayana's words, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.". What is less well known is that there are some people who remember the ing it. And any one who heard the self-righteous, humbug-flavoured, mean-souled drone of Mr James Wellbeloved, MP, on the radio at the weekend, telking about the affaire of Young Winston, will know what I mean. You do not have to be more than about 35 to have first-hand adult recollections of the Affaire of 1963.

and even if you are a good deal younger you can read one of the many accounts still available of those heady days. I wrote one such mose heady days. I wrote one such myself, in my book The Pendulum Years, from which I am going to take the liberty of quoting today, because from some of the comments passed so far in the matter of Mr Churchill it is easy to believe that we have learned medium whitever from the learned nothing whatever from the shoddy witch-hunt which pursued the central figure in that earlier disgrace.

For some of the lines in the pre-sent drama are taken word-for-word from the earlier one; I would not have believed without the sensible and true arouch of mine ears that there could be people today maintain-ing that they are concerned about the security aspects of the Churchill
affair, just as their predecessors did.

What vile cant it was, what viler cantant it is! Mr Churchill had an affair with the wife of a man who, among other things, dealt in armaments on a considerable scale. Mr Churchill, for part of the time during which the liaison continued, was a junior defence spokesman for then Conservative Opposition. There-

But therefore what? Would Mr But therefore what? Would Mr Wellbeloved, or anybody else chasing this gamy and flea-ridden have, care to describe the presumed train of events by which Mr Churchill's role as an assistant to the Tories' front-bench defence expert connects in a sinister manner with his role as the

st, let me show them how might be done. Let us envisuge Mr Churchill and Mrs Khashoggi relaxing together. She smooths his brow, he basks. He sips a drink, she mibbles a stuffed olive. Then she speaks.

" It must be so interesting, the workyou do-I mean, having to see all those generals and admirals, and discuss the defences of your

"Oh, well, you know-it's really just another job, and besides. I'm not exactly a general myself, or

you can bever reveal."

"Well not really—I mean I don't know how the H-bomb works, or anything like that."

anything like that."

"Darling, I'm sure you're being too modest. I ber you know lots about, whether the Belgian-made C23 rifle is going to become standard issue in Nato forward areas despite the rival claims on resources of the American-parented recoilless fastloading anti-tank projectile-launcher, and how far cross-standardization particularly whether Saceur has expressed himself satisfied with the rate of progress lately, and when the long-promised nay, impatiently-awaited—redeployment of "tac-nukes" for Baor is to

Well, funny you should ask that,

Yes? Something like that, was it? Or not? And if not, what? Just how is this a matter which concerns security? How did Mr Charchill give away military secrets be didn't have moman who wouldn't have underAnd if it didn't take place?
And if it didn't take place, and couldn't have taken place, and obviously couldn't and didn't take place, what is left of Mr Wellbeloved

Denis Canavan, MP, for instance, affects to believe that Mr Churchill should "do the bonoureble thing and should "do the honourable thing and resign his seat." apparently on the ground that he has committed adultary. My own researches into the sex-lives of MPs, the fruits of which are to be published in a six-volume, copiously-illustrated study by the Oxford University Press, are still incomplete; still, they already show that if every Member of Parliament who had committed adultary were to racion his or her seat, there would be resign his or her seat, there would be so much green leather vacated by the resigning ones that inexperienced the resigning ones that inexperienced visitors to the public gallery might assume that they had come to the wrong place and were at Wembley Football Stadium. (And this, I may say, does not include those like the former Chairman of Mr Canavan's party who was in the habit, while a member, of buggering the occasional House of Commons wasters on the premises—and he wasn't even a member of the Kirchen Committee.)

O hypocrisy, what crimes are com-O hypocrisy, what crimes are com-ucted in thy name! And not com-

pached officials at Buckingham pitched into his department and him. I naturally accept his assurance, which he gave immediately after my column appeared, that that is not so, and I apologise for my error and

"With a roar of unbody for", I wrote in The Pendulum Years, "the deprived Alung themselves on the sated and I went on to quote Swit's Censure is the Tax a man pays to the Public for being eminent". And here we go again.

True, 2 few members of the former cast will not be treading the boards this time. Sir Harold Wilson is unof Mr Churchill's effeir has "shocked the moral conscience of the nation" if only because so many of Sir Harold's friends have since found Hardid's friends have since round themselves escaping criminal prosenting only through timely death, suicide or precipitate flight from the country that he might find it becter not to speak in such stem terms roday, and Mr John Cortile will hardly insist this time that the business is "an afront to the Christian conscience of the nation of a time when trandards in

nation at a time when arandards in public life need to be mainteined at the highest level, his own claim to be a good judge of the standards of public, life having been brought rather sharply into question when he was obliged to resign from the House of Commons after the disclosure that he had been in the pay of Mr

But that will leave plenty more I called the 1963 affair. "the most staining episode of the entire decade". And I went on to say something that Mr Churchill may now perhaps that wome confort from:

When perhaps tomorrow and perhaps next year, snother public man is found to have private standards. is found to have private standards that do not accord with the nation's unspoken assumptions about public life, he may well admit to the House of Commons what the House of Commons would

slightest amendment to describe the events of the past few days. Of the wrote that he

was not as good as the im the public man who had for so long been invested with qualities no man could possess or at leax maintain for long, and who had then been put under half-fearful, half-gleeful warch by a public which was waiting for him to fall. Nor was he as had as, once he fell, he was made out to be when the boil burst, the truth about the public men (which is only, after all, that they are the same men as private ones) became known, and with it the recognition that the whole argument was spurious a screen thrown up to hide the real argument behind:

But if the present argument is spurious, a screen thrown up to hide the real argument behind, what real content is there in the affair of Mr Churchill? Well, what settled, matters between them in a which we have no locus standi to find anything at all.

The House of Commons representing public opinion. I do not believe it has any such excuse today. The people are usually wiser than their masters, and in these matters almost invariably so. Faced with a proposal that it should discuss Mr Churchill's behaviour, the House of Commons will be wise to turn to Next Business and at once.

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As the Labour Party again aims its guns at private education, John Rae looks to the future

Will Labour and the public schools ever live together?

In its relations with the public translated into political action. schools, the Labour Party shows all the frustration of a Victorian husband who cannot to initiate radical reform. Even find a legal basis for disposing of his wife and has not the will to attempt a cruder solu-tion. The party abuses and threatens: the schools respond with spirit or temerity accord-ing to their confidence at the time. It seldom occurs to flatly refused to do so. seither side that since they days are near a baye got to live recently. have got to live together they might as well work out a means of doing so that would benefit everyone, not least the

This negative and shortsighted bickering is a compara-rively recent aspect of the rela-tionship. The Labour Party has long-standing aversion to what it regards as centres of what it regards as centres of privilege whether in the form of public schools or the house of Lords, but until 1964 the public schools were not even mentioned in a Labour election manifesto. The hostility was there but it was expressed in speeches and resolutions at the protest enumber of the prot party's annual conference. Manifestos express the modest mannessus express the modest expectations, conference resolutions the uncompromising hopes. A characteristic resolution advocated a planned attack on the so-called public schools, this bastion of privilege and royal mad to positions of power and influence.

The public schools leave The public schools leave their opponents, if not exactly speechless with rage, at least struggling in the cross-currents

the sweeping Labour victory of 1945 did not herald an attack on public schools, though on public schools, though many Labour voters believed that it would. The porter I halled to take my trunk to the But there he was wrong, Clemmore important things to do.

The 13 years of Conservative

lity to public schools but Transport House had to Transport House had to remind party speakers in 1958 that abolition was not an option. "There are those who would like to see the public schools abolished. It is difficult to see how this could be done. to see how this could be done. Just as it was found impossible, in introducing the National Health Service, to forbid the existence of a private nursing home, so it is difficult in a democracy to forbid parents to pay for sending their children to independent schools if they choose to spend their money in this way."

But the party was not pre-

But the party was not pre-pared to do nothing. The pres-



Lords were useful reminders of the need for class struggle. Thus it was fear that a privileged sector of education was playing into the Marxists' hands that prompted the social democrats to demand that the next Labour government should do something about the public achools. The schools—not for the first or last time—naistead the political signs and thought they were being threatened with abolition by extremists whereas in fact they were being offered a role by the moderates.

It was the Labour moderates who commend that the 1964 manufesto committed the party were useful reminders

after about petting my

Is it too much to expect that the schools andthe Labour Party should start discussing their differences without bigotry and dogmatism?

flop. Its proposals for using tion in this country. But once the public schools to meet a again the gap between linea-supposed boarding need were non and action was wide. The not taken seriously by anyone. 1974-79 Labour Government and its recommendation that the direct grant should be ended only served to divide the independent sector more completely from the main-

The failure of the Public Schools Commission forced moderates to think in terms of abolition. In 1973, Mr Roy Harpared to do nothing. The pressure for action came from the district for action from the far, and integrating the public schools in the general education bust to advise on the best way spokesum, put this new hard schools in the general education for ced moderates to think in terms of abolition. In 1973, Mr Roy Harbor for integrating the public schools Commission forced moderates to think in terms of abolition. In 1973, Mr Roy Harbor for spokesum, put this new hard schools into the state system of masters: "I must above all education." But from the else leave you in no doubts anoderates point of view about our serious intention.

Authory Crostand's Public initially to reduce and even-schools and the House of Schools Commission was a totally to abolish private education.

1974-79 Labour Government did nothing about the public schools apart from exploring the possibility of removing charitable status.

Now in opposition the Labour Party is again making threatening noises. The party's National Executive Council has National Executive Council has set up a working party "to consider several epitous ord, ways to anather the independent schools". Once again demo-cratic realities will force the party to conclude that should not schools and the Labour Party have got to live together whether they like it or not is

it too much to expect that both sides will recognize this fact and stars discussing their differences without bigorry and

dogmarism? Kinnock, the present Labour spokesman, has invited the public schools to define their role. That is a fair question. I hope the schools will respond by affirming their belief in the value of an independent of the property of the schools. pendent sector. But they must go further than that Freedom. as headmasters are fond of telling their senior pupils, im-poses responsibilities. It is one of the responsibilities of the public schools: to demonstrate that they are not just inbut have a long-term contribution to make to the education provision of the country.

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LONDON DIARY

Getting on the Jenkins'

bandwaggon
So far the call of Mr Roy
Jenkins, the well-puid Messiah
of Brussels, for a strengthening
of the "radical centre" of
British politics might seem to have failen on relatively stony

True, Mr Dick Taverne, the Independent Democratic Labour MP, has since spoken on a Liberal platform just before the Hertfordshire South West byelection. But his advice to Labour supporters to vote Liberal seems to have been largely ignored.

Beneath the surface, however. it seems that seeds are begin-ning to germinate. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has been in touch with Mr Jenkins. Since the Liberals cannot hope to get into power by themselves, it would be helpful if the "radical centre" pursued a parallel or convergent, rather than divergent course.

And then there have been in-And then there have been informal discussions between
potentially radically central
characters like Taverus himself, Mr David Marquand,
former Labour MP and Jenkins'
adviser in Brussels, and Mr
Robert Marleman MP, another
former Labour turior ministat. former Labour junior minister. "In my view the Jenkins bandwaggon will be rolling tairly soon", says Taverne. He has spoken to five sitting has spoken to five sitting Labour MPs who think a splir

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in the Labour Parry either inevitable or desirable. They said there were many more. be greatly swollen if the Labour Party decided to pull Britain out of the EEC; if its national executive wrote the next mani-festo; or if the party confer-

Another Blunt apostle?

Did Anthony Blunt's Cam-bridge converts to Soviet-style communism include the mighty if eccentric Austrian-born philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein? The question is prompted by the coincidence of the sale at

Sotheby's yesterday of a post-card sent by Wittgenstein from Moscow on September 18, 1935 to the Cambridge philosopher G. E. Moore; and fresh details of Wittgenstein's association of Wittgenstein's association with the Cambridge Apostles society in Paul Levy's recess

Wittgenstein returned to Combridge early in 1929: habad left in 1914 to join the Austrian army, and had been captured and imprisoned by the Allies in southern Italy in November 1918. He rejoined the Austrian at a southern proposition.



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Ivan Maisky, saving Wittgenstein wanted to live more of something ready for publishing in Russia more colonial nouthern the lancetonic last the lancetonic council, have to powers to account that the lancetonic capture, the form in the formation of council, have to powers to account for manning the formation of council, have to powers to account the formation of council, have to

whether successfully, God knows and asked Moore if he thought it wise to

New ambassador When I was The Times cor-respondent in Bonn, from 1969 to 1972, there were two excep-tionally able spokesmen at the Foreign Ministry. One was Dr Goido Brunner, now EEC Commissioner for Energy in Brussels; his predecessor was Dr Jürgen Ruhfun, who at the age of 49 becomes the Federal Republic's ambussador in Lon-

don next month. Dr Ruhfus is a tidish, dark, rather good-looking man who combines charm and ability: combines charm and somey without a large measure of the large, he would cornelly not have survived for three years in his present, highly exacting post as Chancellot Schmidt's senior divisor on foreign affairs and defence at the Monn Chancellery.

Rhodesia. The Runtuses have three daughters, aged 14, 17 and 21, the youngest of whom will be coming to Loudon.

Chelsification

The pleasure of living on Hampstead's salubrious upper slopes is marred by only two things: the horrendous rapes (second only to Westminster's);

and the inexorable Chelsifica-tion of the village.

At the last count, there were in Heath St and High St some 40 fashion bouriques, leaving out old-established clother shops and 31 restaurants, both categories catering almost entirely to passing trade.

As old-fashioned iron-

mongers, food shops, launder-ettes and the like butchers ettes and the like burchers
seem curiously resilient—go to
the wall, Hampstead's residents
have to range further and
further afield for necessities.
Alas, some of the old tenancs
have been tempted to sell off
their leases for a far profit.
What nickens some locals is

their leases for a far profit.

What nickens some locals is that the landlords, in many cases the GLC or Camden Council, have no powers to smoothe forces of commercialism from running rampent over social and community need.

floor building on one of the many corners of Tavistock

Street. The freehold and refurbishment cost some £900,000, says the Institute's director Mr Christoph-Bergam. So far some £660,000 has been raised, roughly a third from "demo-cratic governments" (European, North American and Asian), who were asked for help for the first time. The rest came from industry, foundations (the institute's mainstay), and individual and corporate members, of which there are roughly 2,000 in more than 60 The new building was inau-

gurated with a conference on instabilities in the Gulf; A sign, says Bertram, the strategic studies should be less exclusively concerned with east-west problems and increasingly with those of the third world.

Richard Webb, of the poing Exeter publishing house of Webb and Bawer, believes he has pulled off the publishing coup of the century; he has sold the West German jissaw rights for The Country Diary of an Edwardian Ludy, for a four figure sum Edith Holden's charmingly, illustrated journal charmingly illustrated journal has now sold more than one million copies in hardback in the United. Kingdom and Commonwealth, where it is published jointly with Michael Joseph, and a further half million elsewhere, including Japan. A Russian translation is a possibility.

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Oace great power is granted, there is a danger of it being abused. Rather than risk such abuse, it is . . . the duty of the courts so to construe the statute as to see that it encroaches as little as possible upon the liberties of the people of Eng-land." On the surface, it seems that some violence was done to that principle—the words are Lord Denning's—in the House of Lords last week. Two cases of considerable importance to civil liberties were decided by the law lords. In both, the application of an illiberal law was upheld. In each, a decision of the Court of Appeal, presided over by Lord

Denning, was reversed.

Throughout the history of the English legal system there have existed two broad strands of judicial approach. There have been those judges who have taken the view that, without usurping the functions of Parliament, a judge has the duty to interpret the law, as far as he can, in a way which accords with social and personal justice, which upholds rather than destroys the civil liberties of the individual. which looks with suspicion and not equanimity on the increasing encroachment of the state and other power-groups in the lives of citizens. Lord Denning is the most distinguished living and Lord Mansfield the most distinguished historic example of such a judicial activist.

There is another kind of judge who sees his task as maintaining the authority of the state, inter-preting Acts of Parliament narrowly, supporting the words of the law in preference to the justice of the case, and affirming that it is for Parliament to change a law that turns out to be unjust or absurd, and not for judges to achieve that result through statutory interpretation. In recent years, the House of Lords has, in general, fellowed that path, and Lord Devlin has recently, in The Judge (Oxford) University Press), presented a powerfully argued case in support of judicial conservation.

There is something to be said for both approaches, though our of the five indges rejected the admiration goes to Lord Denning, purely subjective test, to the But at a time when an increasing effect that it is enough for the number of laws are being passed

for instance, more than 200 absurd and totally unrealistic enactments giving powers to various inspectors to enter private premises—it is of fundato enter mental importance that judicial interpretation should not further diminish the rights of the individual against potentially oppressive conduct by the more powerful. It is essential that the courts do not allow those who bave power to exercise it without restraint. One method by which the courts can impose controland they have done it in this way for centuries-is by applying objective, rather than subjective criteria, and using the test of reasonableness.

In recent years there has been some concern that the House of Lords has, in its judgments, been unnecessarily supportive of authority at the expense of the individual, that they have accepted unreasonable official excuses. On the fact of it the two cases, last week bear this out Closer scrutiny, however, does not support such a harsh stricture, though it does leave more than a little room for unease.

In Express Newspapers Ltd v Macshane, the issue was whether or not refusal to handle Press Association copy on the part of journalists who were not themselves in any dispute—secondary blacking—was "in furtherance of a trade dispute", and there-fore immune from civil action against them by their employers. The Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 confers on unions a vest array of immunities from such action. These immunities are usually available even where a great deal of harm has resulted from a union's activities. It is accordingly crucial that such a law should be. interpreted restrictively. The House of Lords decided, unanimously, that the action by the journalists fulfilled the test of being "in furtherance of a trade dispute", thus providing legal authority in support of second-

ary blacking. The trade unions should not, however, rejoice too soon. Four unionist honestly to believe that

belief to hold. There must be, the four law lords emphasized, something more. The belief that the action was in furtherance of a trade dispute must not only be honest but also reasonable, and the courts have the right to judge on the reasonableness or otherwise of such a view. It is unfortunate that Lord Diplock perhaps inadvertently favoured the subjective test, which would make an already intolerable Act even more anti-libertarian.

In Commissioner of Inland Revenue v Rossminster Ltd, an early morning raid by tax inspectors on a business, and on private homes connected with it. was held to be valid, by a majority of four judges to one. There are suspicions that the tax inspectors were on a fishing expedition to stop not tax fraud but legal avoidance. The search warrants were issued by a circuit judge, as laid down in the televant Act. The dissenting judge in the House of Lords, Lord Salmon, took the view that the circuit judge had not inquired into the evidence backing up the Inland Revenue's assertion, on oath, that a tax fraud was suspected, but had issued the warrent on the basis only of what he had been told. The other four law lords, while accepting that the circuit judge had the duty to look behind the tax inspectors' assertions, made the assumption that he had done so. There does not seem to have been any investigation of whether or not the judge had in fact taken any such steps.

The approach adopted by the

judges in that case seems therefore to have been a sufficient one in law; they accepted that search warrants must only be given when the evidence justifies it; Lord Salmon's reasoning on the facts is more convincing than that of his colleagues. On the basis of last week's decisions, judgment on the performance of the House of Lords must be reserved. In peither case did they disgrace themselves, in neither did they convey the impression that they took the liberty of the subject sufficiently seriously. If our liberties had to be protected which adversely affect the free. his action was in furtherance of by them, they would prove a dom of the individual—there are, a dispute, even if that is an leaky umbrells.

THE MOVING FINGER POINTS TO STANSTED

ments of seventies, should in the end rebound on the victors. Stansted . showed how hard it was politically to impose a major national airport on a local community without irresistible avidence that the choice was right. This led to the Roskill inquiry, an heroic attempt to secure irresistible force by a technique for attaching objective prices to subjective values. The government of the day immediately reaffirmed the role of the subjective by backing quite another horse to the one. Roskill's method had led to. Soon. afterwards the 1973 oil crisis threw into disarray all the buoyant traffic predictions that previous schemes had been based

The logic of this train of events has inclined governments ever since to seek an alternative which would give scope for a wide variety of rates of traffic growth without the vast expense and controversy that would surround proposals for a wholly new etrport. Implicitly, and now explicitly, they have been drawn hack, irresistibly, to Stansted

Roskill summarily excluded Stansted from his short list on

It is a curious from that the lived near it and would suffer Luton. The immediate proposal battle of Sunsted, the greatest excessively from a major increase is that Stansted, stready destined victory ever won by the spon in its use (at present it handles to cope with four million passesses a sengery as year, should be year, compared to about twentysix million for Heathrow). This argument still holds great force. ine choice were berween Stansted and a brand-new airport elsewhere, it would be easy to find a candidate better from this point of view (aithough rather more expensive as well). But that is not the choice.

The catastrophic end to aviation growth that some predicted in 1973 has not happened. Demand is still steadily climbing, and the post-Ayatoliah forecasts that Mr John Nott based his arguments on yesterday imply a very similar course of growth in the coming decade to the forecasts made in the White Paper-nearly two years ago. They may wrong, but they may be right. Air communications are too important to Britain's trading role, and too expensive, for us to disregard either possibility. In view of the uncertainties over world oil supplies, and the need to avoid extra public spending, it would be folly to embark on a large-scale pro-ject at Stansted or anywhere else. We must use what scope there is for piecemeal expansion

at existing airports. It is Stansted's misfortune that it has more room for growth than Heathrow, Garwick or

expended to handle fifteen mil lion. With additional capacity at the other amports, this should be enough to meet demand up to 1990. But it must be admitted that if demand is still rising by then; the expansion already made at Stansted would greatly strengthen the case for choosing it for development into an airport of the largest size, handling about fifty million passengers annually.

The logic' of this approach is strong, harsh as it must seem in Essex. It would be stronger if the government kept its options wider by holding open the possibility of a fifth terminal at Heathrow or a second runway at Gatwick. It is right and fair to warn the people of Stansted of the risk that their district faces towards the end of the century. It may be hoped that before then developments in technology may reduce the necessity for long runways and the nuisance of aeroplanes overhead. In changed economic circumstances, the case for a wholly new airport in a less heavily populated area may regain its attractions. But as things stand now, it is right to make it clear that the old cloud must again hang over Stansted.

the grounds that too many people THE UNIONISTS SHOULD JOIN THE TALKS

round the SDLP to his devolution conference in Ulster. Aspects of Irish unity, while not on the . arenda, are not to be ruled out of order either. The addition of this tinge of green to the proceedings has not switched off the Rev lan Paisley, who continues to wear the improbable disguise of a moderate. So the conference, including also the Alliance Party, is expected to get going on January 7: but still with the intended absence of the Ulster Unionists, the party that had more votes than any other in the general election in May, three times as many as Mr Paisley's party. Although Mr Paisley since his personal success in the European election would like to be thought to speak comprehen-sively for Protestant Ulster, the

ronference. . _ -do so, the leadership of the But it may not altogether fail, Ulster Unionist Party should now and even if it does Mr Paisley

Mr Humphrey Atkins has won consent to go along. They had round the SDLP to his devolution sound, though not it must be said sufficient, reasons for thinking that a conference with this agenda at this time would do more harm than good to the strife-torn political society of the province; and they had some right to expect that this manitesto-conscious government would cut the cackle and do what its manifesto appeared to say it would do about Ulster, namely seek to establish one or more regional councils with a wide range of powers over local services". That may have seemed good enough grounds for trying to spike the devolution conference; but having failed to stop it they would be better off in-

The Unionists are divided on this question of tactics, and are in evident danger of being outfact is that the larger part of the manoeuvred by Mr Paisley in a spectrum of unionist opinion will competition for the Protestant not he represented at Mr Atkins's vote. They may think their best chance is still to stand back and Difficult as it is for them to wait for the conference to fail-

would not necessarily be eclipsed in the event. His last major failure cost him dear at the rime. That was in May, 1977, when he called for a general strike in association with Protestant para-militaries and the strike fizzled out. But that time the Unionist Party profited from standing by more moderate and cooperative policies than he. This time they have occupied ground where they appear the harder and more uncompromising men. There is no harvest of votes for them to reap on that flank of their

Moreover, the present Ulster Unionist Party is the legatee of the party which governed the province for fifty years hand in glove with Westminster, a party accustomed to invoking the principles of constitutionality and democratic politics. It is incongruous that they alone among those invited should persist in declining to cooperate with the Secretary of State in inter-party talks about the province's institutions.

opponent

Arabs and Israel From Mr Sydney Cowan

Sir, Edward Mortimer's article on-Israel and the Palestinians (December 10) refers to Mr Qaddumi and Mr al-Hassan as moderates seeking a peaceful solution of the Middle East problem. At the recent con-the conference that a new state ference on Jerusalem held in would help Jews to survive from London organized by the Arab tha "fifthy racism," of Zionism. Tares, Israel was accused of burn- Mr. Qaddumi concluded his ing the El Aksa Mosque in 1969, remarks as "the PLO Foreign. Lindon organized by the Arabitates, Israel was accused of burning the El Aksa Mosque in 1969, Judaising " the City of Jerusalem,

destroying Islamic holy places, and "attacking Christian boly places, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre". In addition Mr Hassan accused Israel of trying to practice sex in the El Aksa Mosque, and asked for explanations of financial agreements between Zionist leaders and Hitler. Mr Hassan also advised remarks as "the PLO Foreign Minister" by requesting racist

Zionists to join with the Arabs in democratizing the state. similarly described, but whatever democracy flourished there has been destroyed by the Palestinians. Yours faithfully, COWAN.

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May I point out that the only democratic state in the whole of the Middle Bast in particular and the Arab world in general is Israel. The Lebanon could once have been

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

British Steel closures

From Professor A. H. Thornton

Sir, Last week I had occasion to spend two days at British Steel's Llauwern plant on matters which have nothing to do with the point of this letter. I write simply as one of millions of taxpeyers, part of whose contributions go to British Steel, to say that I am willing to go on paying these contributions (and more if necessary) in order to preserve the integrity of the Llauwern plant. I am an English-man not a Welshman, so my view is uncoloured by nationalist senti-ment. I can best summarise my reasons for saying this by reference to four factors:

to four factors:

a) The social factor. The Llanwern plant employs something like 9,500 people, and dependent upon it are many thousands more employed in coal, in supply industries of various kinds and in commerce. We are not talking only about an integrated steel plant, we are talking about an integrated and long-established community.

It is no exaggeration to say that the closure of the whole or a sub-stantial part of the Llanwern plant will destroy that community and will destroy many of the people of

whom it is composed.

If nationalisation means anything to those of us who are not committed clause four socialists, it means that factors other than the purely economic can be taken into account in crises of this kind. b) The skill factor. Nobody could remain unimpressed by the vast concourse of skills which have come together to run the Llauwern plant. These skills are of immeuse variety: manual, technical (the control room of No. 3 biastfurnace looks

exactly like the flight deck of a science-fiction space ship); man-If this concourse of skills is dis-sipated by closure it could never again be assembled and it would be lost to our industrial effort for all

(c) The capital factor. The Lianwern plant is three and a half miles long. The immensity of its capital installations has to be seen to be believed. There is no way in which this capital investment can be made again if the present plant is allowed to become derelict. American forecasts tell us that there may well be an upsurge of demand for steel in the mid-eighties. We shall be far too poor ever to take advantage of this if the capital investment at Clanwern is allowed to lapse.

(d) The attitude factor. It is a very long time since I have observed and talked to workers who spoke of pride in their work and behaved in accordance with their spoken words. Clearly there will have to be a demanning exercise at Lian-wern, but my impression was that the central concern of the workforce was to preserve the integrity of the plant and, in this context, same difficulty as it might if the future of the plant were not at issue.

For all these reasons I would plead with the corporation not to close the whole, nor a significant part, of the Llauwern plant and I will be happy to pay the necessary extra tax because I know that such a decision would be right from the social, human and industrial points of view.

A. H. THORNTON, Chapel Cottage, Authorpe, Louth. incolnshire. December 12.

Soviet ban on Hebrew From Mrs Helen Smith

am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Sir, In a recent article (November 23) Michael Binyon quotes Professor X. Belchikov as saying that a language "offers a means of personal communication". He is speaking about the Russian language; but it is equally true for all other languages and it is a pity that the Soviet authorities do not honour their obligation under the Helsinki Agreement and allow their citizens to learn whatever language they

Soviet Jews are unable to import Hebrew books and the language is not recognized within the USSR. Teachers of Hebrew cannot obtain the official registration needed by private tutors in the Soviet Union and are therefore open for prose-cution as "parasites".

Iosif Begun is suffering in Siberia now for this very reason. Soviet Jews normally speak the Russian language as their mother tongue, but the authorities refusal to allow them to learn Hebrew is a devial of a basic human right.

As Michael Binyon pointed out, every nationality within the USSR has its own tongue and its own cultural heritage. Only the lews are prevented from educating their children in the culture of their EDC25COTA

Yours muly. HEEEN SMITH. 17 College Road, Bromley, December 17.

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idderminster.

Worcestershire

Churches and VAT

From Mr W. J. Cotterell

Sir, Why stop at repairs to churches? The whole concept of zero rating new buildings whilst illogical. One of the arguments used in favour of replacing purchase tux by VAT was that it would remove the glaring anomalies which existed in the application of that tax. Ver I am informed that if you fit double glazing it is zero rated, presumably on the grounds that it is new, whilst if you repair the existing windows you pay VAT. How ludicrous can

VAT should be removed from all building work, new and repairing aike Yours faithfully, W. L COTTERELL

Changing the writ of summons

From Mr R. E. Ball Sir, May I be allowed to comment on Mr Weir's criticisms, in your issue of today (December 14), of the secrecy with which an impor-tant constitutional change has been effected?

The working party to which he refers was set up as a small body of technicians without facilities for wide publicity, so our report was intended merely to be a working paper preparatory to discussion. Nevertheless I was so appalled at the proposal to abolish the Royal command that I thought it my duty to test the climate of opinion, so far as I could. Over many months, I talked about the proposal to very many people, judges, barristers, solicitors, law clerks and those outside the legal profession.

I found a very strong and nearly nanimous revulsion against the proposal and summarized my findings in my dissenting report. This, I am told though never officially informed, was promptly classified as confidential. Some at least were denied access to it and discussion was impeded.

When the Lord Chancellor took upon himself to persuade the Rules Committee to reverse its decision of last year to retain the Royal command. I was informed, I can only think in the capacity of "leader of the opposition", and asked to keep the matter reasonably confidential pending the clearance of a particular point. I not unnaturally interpreted this as a licence to talk in a restricted and

discreet way.
Regrettably there was a leak to the press, I know not how, and for this the Lord Chancellor personally accused me of a breach of the Official Secrets Act and gave me a severe reprimand. I had therefore to remain silent until the Rules Committee, meekly and without dis-cussion, duly reversed itself and even then I could only open my mouth by retiring from office.

It seems quite clear that there been a deliberate policy of bringing in this far-reaching change in the relations of the judicial and executive arms of Government as a fait accompli, without the wide-ranging publicity and discussion which were certainly needed. For many this has come as a complete Surprise,

The Rules Committee may or may not be a suitable body for effecting technical changes in the Rules of Court-opinions may well differ on

that—but it is certainly not a proper body for bringing in drastic changes in our constitutional foundations in the guise of procedural moderniza-

Yours faithfully, R. E. BALL, The Athenaeum, Pail Mail, SW1. December 14.

From Mr Peter M. Laverick

Sir, It has happened again. A committee "The Supreme Court Rules Committee" (whoever they may be) have changed the form of High Court Writ of summons that has been developed over 800 years. If Parliament do not reject the change Parliament do not reject the change, the traditional Writ will look as cheap and effective as a debt col-

cheap and effective as a debt col-lector's formal demand.

The committee have changed it by eliminating all reference to her Majesty the Queen other than by a royal coat of arms at the head of the paper in the manner of official stationery. They have taken away the stature and authority of an imposing and demanding document which, by its very wording, let alone which, by its very wording, let alone its content, gave significance and impact to the recipient who was commanded to enter an appearance in form at the Courts or accede to the plaintiff's demands.

The idea of the Queen as the dispenser of justice gives teeth to our system, and an ideal to our minds. The courts are the Queen's courts; her coat of arms is generally placed over a judge in court. The Queen's Bench Division of the courts carries her name and Queen's Counsel her nominal approval. The Queen's offi-cers have always sealed writs in her name, and yet some faceless committee intent on achieving the facelessness of the courts and the legal system has decided that such an anachronism" must go.
This is a small matter but the

principle is important; another sort of rust has started to eat into and undermine an effective and tried system and must be resisted by all who care for our society and state as it should be and who wish her Majesty the Queen to remain the fountain of justice. Yours faithfully, PETER M. LAVERICK, 23 Warwick Street,

Sussex. December 13.

Future of Gibraltar From Major Robert Peliza

Sir, Your correspondent, Harry Debelius reporting on Senor Fraga Iribarne's visit to La Linea (December 10) quotes him as having said that: "It is in the true interest of the Gibraltarians for them to ask Great Britain to negotiate with Spain.

e is livin a political cloud of his own if he genuinely believes that it is likely that the British Gibraltarians have been persuaded by the savage re-strictions imposed by General Franco and now continued Senor Suarez to press Her Majesty's Government to negotiate their legitimate British rights in exchange for the lifting of the inhuman block-

The views of the Gibraltarians coincide with those of Sir Ian Gil-mour, the Minister of State respon-sible for Gibraltar; that "the restrictions are wrong in them-selves," and that it is "unthink-able" that Spain could into the that Spain could join the EEC and not abide by the funda-mental principle of freedom of movement between territories of

majority of the inhabitants today is stronger than ever in their determination to preserve their British Gibraltarian rights. What worries them is the apparent political instability of Spain and

In fact the position of the vast

a feeling that there are insufficient safeguards with regard to security, immigration, investment employment to protect the small community, if and when the frontier re-opens, from being usurped; and the friendly alien workers, who enable the public services and Her Majesty's Dockyard to function normally and the economy to prosper notwithstanding 15 years of restrictions and blockede, not being

elected, as it has always been the

Control of local spending

From Professor John Small and Professor Alan Thompson

member states.

Sir. Recent statements by some local authority leaders seem to suggest that they are not fully aware of the serious economic peril facing the country. It is natural that they should want to maintain and improve the services which they pro-vide for their communities. Unfortunately, the present situation (deriving largely from international conomic conditions) imposes strict imits on what is possible

It is also true that there is grave public concern in some parts of the country as to the quality of budget-ary control of local spending, particularly with regard to overmanning. Authorities vary considerably in their efficiency. Admirtedly, different authorities face different problems, but this should not preclude comparisons of efficency in the use of manpower in a number of common services.

We would like to restate the sugstion which we made to the Layfield Committee that a parliamentary select committee should be appointed to monitor local authority spending, with powers to send for councillors, local officials, rate-

Cost to Britain of the EEC From Mr John Braddock Sir, Concerning the British contribution to the EEC budget, the following apparent prodigalities of our French neighbours might be of

interest.

In the department of the Gard, shere I spend some time each year, there has recently been a great reorganization whereby the many and scattered small vinevards have been grouped so that each owner has ended up with a compact holding of equivalent value. As a sweetener to this pill of disruption, large grants have been available towards improving the drainage and the tracks between the fields. indeed, some of the tracks, used mainly by tractors to tend and harvest the grapes, have now a

tarmac surface. The wine produced in this area is of no special quality and profits from it could never justify this most desirable but economically quite unjustifiable work. Is Britain

helping to foot this hill? Another strange practice seems to be that of paying civil servants in the departments of agriculture and roads and bridges, in those responsible for the "infrastruc-

similarly protected. There is a General Election in the offing and there is little doubt in anybody's mind that only those candidates who stand firmly by the wishes of the people to remain British in a British Gibraltar will be

Yours faithfully. ROBERT J. PELIZA. Member of the House of Assembly, Gibraltar. December 10.

payers and independent experts and for relevant papers and documents. It would enable the public to judge titose authorities which deserve which could benefit from the ex-

ample of others. By bringing local thinking and expertise into continuing contact with purliamentary concern and scrutiny, it could also inform local authorities in considerably greater depth as to the nature and magnitude of the central economic problems facing the country as a whole. We should emphasize that this is

not a party issue. A responsible government of any political persussion must face up to the need to bring local spending into line with overall economic strategy. A select committee is only one of a number of methods of achievand this, but it could provide a forum of mutual benefit to central and local government. Yours faithfully, JOHN SMALL Department of Accountancy and

Finance. ALAN THOMPSON. Department of Economics. Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. December 14,

ture", a percentage on the cost of the works which they initiate. This is not a very good way of controlling expenditure but it would

be a purely French matter and of no concern to us if we could also be sure that we were not paying this particular piper. Perhaps we, too, should play the rules for example by putting a hard surface on every lootpath in the country and paying 10 per cent to the planning officers for their permission. A more serious question, though, is what control, if indeed

any, the net contributing countries

exercise on the free-spending

habits of the receiving countries. Yours faithfully, JOHN BRADDOCK South Street, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilishire.

The last goodbye

From Squadron Leader M. A. Lucke Sir. This year we have sent all nur friends a seasonal stamp-with a card enclosed! Yours faithfully, MARTIN LOCKE, 52 Laurel Close, North Warnborough, Humpshire.

Causes of improve productivity

From Lord Walston From Lord Walston

Sir. In your leading article londs in December 8, subtitled Only Juster, secondary Bill, you refer to lamentably low productivity British industry compared with the Radio of West Germany, the USA at France. You suggest that absence of a code of law and free market in labour in the list to a large measure responsible. is to a large measure responsible

this.

Earlier in the article you wi colowing that, in addition to other assets, 12 500 have "small but highly efficied a force agriculture". Yet this major indigo 5 500 agriculture productivity companies 2.45 2.45 very favourably with that of at 10.00 mention, operates under precisions the same labour conditions as 12.21 our other industries. It would appea therefore, that we must look elhere than to our trade until structure for an improvement

A study of management practical and labour relations in agriculting and other industries with gon records and those of our leting 30 are successful industries, would sure 30 are be more useful than comparist 18 countries. I suspect that two to the suspect that two to the suspect that the suspect that two to the suspect that the suspect that two to the suspect that the suspect cess of the final product. The m3 VHF. who tightens the bolts on to VHF. assembly line has little if a interest in the good performen of the vehicle that eventually leaves the factory: the man who ploug and drills watches the crop as grows and sees and takes pride the eventual harvest. Yours truly, WALSTON

Fees to overseas students

House of Lords.

From Professor D. W. Brockleshy lime Sir, The whole problem of fees it doors overseas students could be over come if the Government wou recognize the need for discrimin recognize the need for discrimit tion. It is an accepted policy the Function and there is no doubt that education is the most efficient states, cheapest form of aid. But it much the discrete towards the root can be discreted towards the root can be discreted towards the root can be discreted towards the root can be discreted. be directed towards the poor courties of the developing world; the permit rich countries can pay their or way and buy any technical or ed

cational assistance that they require We should, therefore, firmly deferentiate between overseas student from the "third world" and the 12.30 from the rich countries. It would have easy to do this by simply drawing the line across the list of countries. atranged in order of decreasing wealth, and charging high fees students from countries above the the poorer countries. To be evo fairer we should draw several linacross the list and impose a sca across the list and impose a sca across the list and impose a sca of fees so that students from thoots, very rich countries would hisday charged, say, £10,000 per annum an nety grade this down to students fro 11.10 very poor countries who would on You pay a nominal amount. In this we we would not only ensure th: students from the poor countries (
the world could still strend or
universities but we would also b
playing Robin Hood by making the Lee
rich subsidize the poor.

Yours faithfully. DAVID W. BROCKLESBY. Professor of Trapical Animal Health. Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicina Royal (Dick) School of Veterinar-Studies University of Edinburgh.

Kennedy's Latin primer

From Projessor A. R. Birley Sir, Classical tags are soldom use by public men these days, and may seem ungrateful or pedantic t quibble when a Latin author is mi quoted. But one wonders whether Mr Hugh Fraser (December 10 %) recalled the provenance of imperfor copax, which he applies to senator Kennedy, Had he though is a little harder, he might have a refrained from comparing the constant, by implication, with the ill-fated emocrar Galba, cape 12

imperii, nisi imperasset, in Tacitus' mmertal enigram. mmortal enigram.

Quite aside from the unfortunate echoes of the "imperial presidency" evoked by the term, on might point to the words which Tectrus puts in Galba's routh in Appeal delivered a few days before his assessmation; under the Julie Claudian dynasty the Romans has the performance of the imperial ways. been treated as "the inheritance of a single family"—Galha had hopes to change that. However, recourse to Suetonius's bigggarby might bay produced a remark with which Mi Kennedy might agree: Golba used to say that no one should be hele accountable for his scare tim-activities (quod neces rationem etsui reddere concreturi.

A. R. BIRLEY, Professor of Ancient History, University of Manchester.

Round sum

From the Reverend Patrick Horror Sir. We shall all base to cut down to presents this Christmas, but please he cenerous to the bon or girl whi delinees our daily paper.

These young people have to set up at 6.30, set out on their round-go hame, change, hive heartife , and he at school, probable by pub. lie transport, by 9 rm. And they do this whatever the weather, all the year round. I have, Sir, etc., PATRICK HORTON, 79 Brighton Road. Godalming, Surrey,

From Mr. J. F. O. Switzer Sir, Ternedo nete. Yours farthfully, J. F. O. SWITZER Sidney System College, Cambridge.

Dam bugter December 17.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

hat, right: By Bermons, and £10, buyable everywhere, the most important shape. must be tided away. The ress Elizabeth chignon rules agling locks will not do.

er dress. By David and Eliza-David and abeth are among this couns most gifted and dedicated ducts of our state training em and have now opted to only for private clients. address is 26a Brook London W.1, tel. 01-629 David and Elizabeth have ssed Princess Michael of Kent ong other lovelies and seem to get the wedding order for Hon. Victoria Mancroft when weds her prince in February next year. Gold lamé atrapless npsurt, huge black tulle skirt stole embroidered with stars moons in gold and silver. order. I think you could get ay without the wand, unless ere is going to be anyone at





Frozen Assets. Winter just wouldn't be the same without ice. Nor would Martini Dry. Because ice enhances the clean, subtle taste of Martinis unique blend of fine herbs and wines. Ice and Martini simply belong together. And we'll drink to that MARTINI Extra Dry. The right one, Just by itself.



Having only ever re-ceived one fashionable lovelorn National Service Coldstreamer who I judge must Casban, this writer has main-rained a certain cynicism about such gifts and a certain reti-cence to advise on the page.

In London there may be a In London there may be a towny confidence or a certain discretion in asking advice. Who is it for they may be thinking that you are thinking as they sound you out on the price of Janet Reger French knicks as apposed to Dorothy Perkins or Miss Selfridge ditto and you have just caught sight of the only legitimate object of their donation and she looks much more suited to some woolly combs.

Down in the country things

much more suited to some woolly combs.

Down in the country things are different. If you are the tashion editor of The Times you jolly well ought to know what to give the old girl/daughter / housekeeper / girl groom / maiden aunt, and be specific about it, too. No point in struggling round that shastly West End with taxis the price they are. So here goes.

Definitely not green tights. There are a lot of these around and they are to be left to Pener Pan and small boys enacting Robin Hood in which case it is perfectly all right for them to look as though their legs had been struck by some lichenous blight and for the crotch section to be somewhere just above the

to be somewhere just above the

knee.

Also avoid those dreadful tights with dots or splashes of pattern. They make the wearer seem to have bubonic plague. Funny patterns up the outside of the leg can be vulgar (when will a clever manufacturer bring back those darling little "clocks" just up to the ankle which drove Edwardians wild?) but seams up the back, provided the lady can be guaranteed to get them on straight, are very in. Elben have finally produced a range of support tights in smart colours, very sheer very che and currently being snatched off the counters being snatched off the counters by the most beautiful model

Hats. They are very pretty and very smart now, but only for a woman who is prepared to make up and settle her hair to complete the effect.
Tiny bowlers, shallow-crowned felts with a vail—very feminine all that business of raising it and not getting it stuck into the cigarette, canape or dry martini like some sort of sieve. Colours should be black, white, or scarlet. Best hat departments. Peter Robinson, Fenwicks.

Gioves. These should be woolly, appear to be hand-made even if not, and have a Fair Isle pattern across the knuckies. Mittens are very smart, too, and can be bought everywhere at every price. Town ladies like them because all that strabbling in the murse makes boles in in the purse makes boles in the gloves—if you give gloves, move into the haberdashery department and top no with a card of darning wool—and country ladies like them be-

cause it is so much extent the throat latch. Dress Don't Not unless are very sure. Giften in the thing just now and again you can buy it at any price. decorated with a few stars, or made entirely in Lucer. The very young may be given sequine encrusted boob-tubes, which are what we used to call strapless bodices, in gold, siver or black. Actually the not so young can be given boob-tubes in black, to be worn with black velvet trousers and a blazer. Top end of the glitter market is Marcel at Fanez shop at 26 Brook Street, London WI with stunning sequinned jackets and whole dresses reminiscent of Harrnell or Norman Norell.

or Norman Novell.

Boots. Since these cost a lot, a nice present but watch out. On no account give the ones which come to just below the knee because skirts are going to get shorter and the one crime in fashion now is a gap twirt the two. Go for midcalf, Texanstyle boots with a thick heel, or much better, for bottines, little ankle boots with a delicious cuff around the mikle and maughty high heels. By the way do not despise the bedroom slipper. They should be with a 1½ inch heel, velvet, in claret or black, made by Genner and bandity suitable for the bondoir, putting our the dustbins, or going to the opera in a long frock.

Jewelry. Never before has this

lewelry. Never before has this been less a status item and so much a fashionable one. I supmuch a fashionable one. I sup-pose the change derives in part from the tremendous cost of insurance and from the very natural dislike of being banged on the head for one's engage-ment ring, but there is a much more subtle explanation. With increasing confidence in the individual, jewelry has become more private. This goes for men-and women. Some time ago I wrote about the change in society which-would render the society which would render the far whores of the fin de siecle not admired but ludicrous for all their diamonds. So much more sexy is the finest gold or platinum chain with just one or two stones worn inside the silk

Again, they come at every price. Wonderful barbaric gold from Gerard in Grafton Street, W.1, and do not be too dismissive of gold; it has the advantage that you never ever have to take it off and it is useful for supporting your car-keys-all you



practical." Something which should appeal the printy Northerners as both interesting and warm are the lovely hand knits home beautiful than Doe, Dodo House, 8 Monument Street, Paterborough, Cambs. PEI "ACL", Tel. 0733 87157. As they are, maighty nighties, but I'd saw up the side of the long one and west It over of the long one and wear it over a slip as an evening dress. Each buttit costs about £10 with p and p 95p and if you ring today they can be the Post Office willing. on the back of your loved one at

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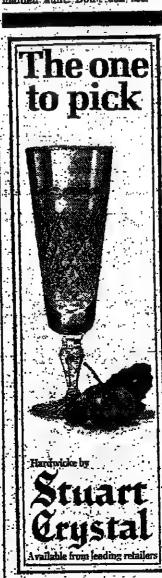
Very fine delicate chains from Booty in Bond Street or James in Beauchamp Place. Charming gilt copies from every department store in the country. The only other smart present is pearl stud sarrings. Circ to Carrier, but not more than three eighths of an inch in diameter. eighths of an inch in diameter. By the way, the stones on the around with metal, unless you are going to wear your heart on your chequebook and buy the sensational piece Harry Winston sensational piece starry winston showed at the recent exhibition of great lewels at Asprey in Bond Street, I must admit to a penchant for the six and a half carat single stone on the plat-ing thair, just the length for hum chain, just the length for no-one except the dozor to be able to discover it at an approximate E60,000.

Perfume What can I say when she knows what she loves and what you love her to wear What I shall say is that change is as good as a rest, so mip out and get her any of the new hightweight natural scents; redolent of healthy living and self-sufficiency. Ferfumers Workshop produces assemial olds which you can mix together; rou can buy them at Selfradges. Rachkams of Birmurgham, or Barkers in Kens-

ington.

The truly foxy male will head for Penhaligon. Wellington Street Covent Garden though because with scents becoming more unises if you dish out a jorum of Hamman Bouquet there is a sporting chance you can get to dab it behind your own ears. Sophisticated women love to wear a masculine scent because not only is it delicious but it can create just the timest. but it can create just the tiniast alarm, that she is newly from-

Only for the men in your life, in which case they (the scarves, not the men) sipple be long. ends (you can now see why lands (you can now see why lands speaking of the scarres not the men) and they will wear them around the turned up collers of their juckets. The collers of their jackets. The pentern should be plain or plaid and the really dashing like their scarves a foot wide and are using them as overcoats. This means that if we have a winter like the last you can put an asterisk against them for next year, by which time you may have to be thinking about scarves for the old girl/house-keeper/daughter/girl groom/maiden aunt. Don't ask, me.



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December 17. Princess Alexandra,
Deputy Colonel in-Chief, The Light
niantry, this morning received
Major-General P. J. Bush, Colonel of the Regiment, and Comnanding Officers, LieurenanColonel A. I. H. Fyfe (1st
Jarrakion), Lieurenant-Colonel S.
Caney (3rd Battallon), Lieurenint-Colonel J. E. Kendell (The
Jight Infantry Depot) and Lieuconant-Colonel H. C. Wasson (6th
Mattalion).

intiation).
This evening, Her Royal High-ress was present at the Annual hristmas Carol Service of the Andon Fire Brigade in St Paul's The Lady Mary Fitzalan-How-ed was in actendance.

ady Fergusson Hannay (Doris estie) is sending no cards but rishes all her friends warmest bristmas greetings.

Today's engagements be Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, attends dinner, Inter-Continental Hotel, 6.20, attends premiere of The Black Hole, Odeon cinema, Leicester Square, 9.

Hole, Odeon cinema, Leicester Square. 9, he Prince of Wales, as president, presents Royal Aero Club and Fédération Aeronantique Internationale awards for 1978, Royal Automobile Club, 5: attends premiere of Apocalupse Now, ABC1 theatre, Shaftesbury Avenua, 7.50. rincess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, attends Christmas celebrations, Westminster Cathedral, 7.30. alk: Christmas in Wales Giyn Hardwicke, St Lawrence Jewry, 1.

operts: Carols, Ali Hallows-by-the-Towers, 1; Children's Christmas service, Holy Trinity Church, Westminster, 10; Faurè-Requem and Sullivan J'e Deum,

Requem and Sullivan Te Deum, Southwark Cathedral, 3. Shibitions: Rod Harman, Woodland Art Gallery, Mycense Road, 10-6. Ceramics in Bristol; City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road, Bristol, 10-5. ecture: Bristol in the 1950s, Friends Meeting House, Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol, 7.30.

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ord Justice Lawton to be presient of the Pegastas Club.
fr R. O. C. Stable, QC, Mr A. C.
lardonald and Mr D. A. Orde to
e direct judges, Mr Stable and
fr Macquald, On the south ié dorth easterd.

te dorth eastern.

It G. B. N. A. Angel to be a rejector of the Family Division for the High Court.

refessor Sir Sam Edwards, FRS, be president of the Institute.

I Mathematics and its Applications, Sir Harry Pitt, FRS and Dr.

E. Trier to be rice-presidents and Professor L. Howarth, FRS, and Sir Alan Wilson, FRS, to be choosary fellows. onorary fellows.

If J. W. Flecker, MA, to be leadmaster of Ardinaly College.

If Norman Stone to be head of narketing and information in the language of the

lirthdays today

ir Neville Ashenbelm, 79; Sirrian Batsford, 59; General Sirdwin Bramall, 56; Mr. I. E. raser, VC, 59; Mr Christopher 7y, 72; Mr Merlyn Ress, MF, 1; Lord Roberts of Woldingson, 69; Major-General Sirzginald Scoones, 79; Sir Alexival Major-General N. Tuck, 78.

atest wills

leadier Cumbert Edward Eccles, Liandudno, Gwynedd, left 5,762 net. After bequests he left e residue equally between the ottish National Institution for a War Blinded, Royal Army tdical Corps Benevolem Fund, iPCA, and PDSA, her estates include (net, before ner estates include (ner, before to paid; tax not disclosed):
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ughes, Mr John, of Liverpool 1128,678 rish, Mr Kenneth, of Higham bilon, Bedfordshire £245,178 gh, Mr Wilkam Davies, of wys., Gwynedd, company direction, Mr Edward Robert, of rexham, Ciwyd £170,572

lartmouth passing out

ce-Admiral Sir Peter Berger, is Officer Plymouth, took the ag Officer ryymous, most the Jube at passing-out parade on the following officers under uning passed out from Britan-Royal Naval College, Dart-

il list (engineer): Sub-Licotan-R. L. Arthur, D. R. Bardwell, Borcham, T. M. Dannatt, S. J. J. Hart, W. W. Holmes, A. M. n. I. Lofthouse, V. P. Masters, Richardson, Midshipmen— D. P. Br. R. D. Hockung, P. J. Lin-we, R. D. Hockung, P. J. Lin-

Our Political Correspondent

Anthony Wedgwood Benn, bour MP for Bristol South-East,

/1 heir to Lord Stangate, is sing to renounce his right of ression to the viscousty by and of a Personal Bill in the use of Lords. This would pro-

use of Lords. This would prote that 'Lord Stangate's grandt—Mr Wedgwood Bann's elder
t—who is a minor, should
lome the heir. A petition for
introduction of this measure
the Wedgwood Benn (Renunclan) Bill—has already been laid
fore the House of Lords regenter

fore the House of Lords together the a draft copy of the Bill. No

5 Years Ago

Forthcoming. marriages

Mr J. C. Brident and Miss S. E. Freeman
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs.
J. K. Brident, of Farnham, Surrey, and Suzanne, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs M. J. L. Freeman, of Captains and Mrs M. J. L. Freeman, of Captains and Mrs M. J. L. Freeman, of Curdridge, Hampshire.

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Captain E. I. Cooper and Mass D. G. Forwood
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Cooper, of Markree Castle, Cooliooney, co Sligo, Republic of Ireland, and Diana, daughter of Mrand Mrs Forwood, of New House Farm, Shillinglee, Chiddingfold, Sussex.

Dr M. W. Johnson and Miss J. M. Mills

The engagement is andounced between Mark, son of Dr and Mrs. P. C. Johnson, of Rosetrees, Portinscale, Keswick, Cumbria, and Janine, daughter of the late Mr J. H. Mills and Mrs Mills, of Mill Swathe, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon.

and ans. M.-L. Byrne.
The engagenent is announced between Jeremy Peter Glascock, younger-son of Mr and Mrs. Arthur G. Slater, of Woodland Acres.
Munstend, Surrey, and Marie-Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. William C. Byrne, of Fermenust, Sutton, Surrey.

Mr C. D. G. Robinson and Miss. A. S. Deutsch

The engagement Is announced between Colin, son of Major and Mrs G. M. Robinson, of Poden, Honeybourne, Warwickshire, and Antonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. Deutsch, of Crowleys Oak, Ullenhall, Warwickshire.

Marriages

The marriage took place on December 15 at St Fillan's, Aberdour, Pife, of Mr Alistair Dickson, son of Mr and Mrs David Dickson, and Miss Penciope Drysdale, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Drysdale. The Rev John Scott officiated.

The bride, who was given m marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Claire Drysdale, Tara Jessett, Arna Waldburg and Charles Connell. Mr Andrew Douglas-Home was best man. A reception was held at Kilrie.

Luncheons

Institute of Cost and Management

Accountints
The President of the Institute of Cost and Msragement Accountants, Mr. F. V. Hayhurst, welcomed guests at:a luncheon at the Savuy Hotal, London, yesterday, and presented, the training award of the institute for 1979 to Pikington Brothers Ltd.

Service dinner

Officers of the Combined Cadet. Force held their annual dinner at

Church news

Appointments

The Rev P. R. Allin, Rector of All Hallows, Ordenii, Holicias, discass of Bourney, Ordenii, Holicias, discass of Southwall to be devest of southwall to be devest of grant I responsibility, to Stocess of Gloucester.

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Dioce of Herafurd

The Rev B. E. D. W. Philips, curate of Creatury Mortiner. to be view at Decide and Part of Parties of Research by the present charge of Discourse to the diocese.

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on The Times of Saturday, of remounding succession to a c 18, 1954

and mass A. E. Kedurup
The engagement is announced
between James Cadoux-Hudson,
RE, eldest son of LieutenantColonel and Mrs D. P. CadouxHudson, of Brighton, and Am,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
D. R. T. Reddrop, of Lymington,
Namoschire.

Mr S. G. Gate Miss E. A. Cranme and Miss E. A. Crammer
The engagement is announced
between Stephen, son of Mr and
Mrs G. J. Gale, of Cuxham, Oxfordshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr
and Mrs S. V. Crammer, of Middleton, Manchester.

Mr P. J. Orrects and Miss L. J. Sandersus The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Orrock, of Colchester, Essex.

and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs. L. Senderson, of Highwood Mr I. P. Riley and Miss D. J. Puddy

The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs. P. I. Riley, of Corley, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and Diane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. M. Puddy, of "Snegton Mailet," Someract.

Mr M. M. Price and Miss L. N. Carter The engagement is amsonned between Nathew, son of Colonel and Mrs Mardin Price, of Splatton, South Reent, Devon, and Noe. daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith A. Carter, of Hawaii, United States.

Mr F. A. Wall and Miss F. A. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Peter Wall, Royal Engineers, som of Mr and Mrs J. R. Wall, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Flona, daughter of the late Major D. Simpson, I.I. and of Mrs M. Simpson, of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Mr J. Long-Rowell and Miss C. R. Fiennes
A service of blessing after the marriage of Mr James Long-Howell and Miss Colle Fiennes took place in Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday, December 8, 1979.

Dinner

Mr J. P. Welby and Miss C. E. Eston and Miss C. E. Eaton
The marriage took piace on Seturday. December 15, at Holy Trinity,
Brompton, between Mr Jussin
Welby, son of the late Mr Gavin
Welby and of Mr and Mrs Charles
Williams, and Miss Caroline
Eaton, younger daughter of Mr
and Mrs Douglas Eaton. The Rev
J. A. K. Millar officiated, assisted
by the Rev A. R. C. Arbuthnot
and the Rev J. A. de B. Wilmot.
The honeymoon is being spent in
Israel.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at the Dorchester botel yesterday in honour of the Anglo-Mongolian cultural talks;

Combined Cadet Force Association

Makers of Playing Cards Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, was present at the
annual dinner of the Makers of
Playing Cards Company, held at
the Mansion House last night.
Mr J. K. Black, Master, presided
and the other speakers were the
Lord Mayor, Mr Justice Brown,
Mr D. D. Lindsay, Mr W. E. Luke
and Mr A. Neate, Senior Warden. Diocese of Salisbury
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Detroy for National Gallery: " Time Unveiling Tyuth", a large allegorical painting by the eighteenth-century French artist, Jean Francois Detroy, which has been bought by the National Gallery, goes on show today. The gallery would not say how much it had paid for the work, but explained that it was not one of their most expensive acquisitions

(our Arts Reporter writes). It was essentially filling a gap in their collection, an tally filling a gap in their collection, an academic policy decision to provide greater representation for a painter who is relatively little known in Britain. "Time Unveiling Truth", which is dated 1733, is the first painting by Derroy in the gallery's collection. Previously it had only a small sketch

Augustus John archive is sold for £52,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A vast archive of Augustus John's
papers, sent to Sotheby's by his
family, was sold yesterday for
£52,000, about double the
auctioneers' most optimistic forecast. The buyer's identity was
veiled in secrecy; all the
auctioneers were permitted to say
was that the archive would stay
in Britain.

The high price reflects the deterotined competition for the
papers by Quaritch, the London
dealers, who were the underbidders.

The archive included some 1,500
letters to or from John. There
are romantic love letters to
Dorella: "The smell of you is in
may nostrils and it will never go
and I am sick for love of you.

There are letters from leading
artists and writers of the day,
Epstein, Bernard Shaw, James
Joyce, Matchew Smith.

The other important archive for
sale at Sotheby's was that of the philosopher, G. E. Moore, with his friends Russell and Wirtgenstein, among the greatest philosophers of the twemteth century. It was sold for £48,000 (estimate about £48,000 to John Flaming, the New York dealer.

the Connaught Rooms yesterday.
Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Somerset,
of Winchester College, CCF, was
in the chair and the chief guest
was Admiral of the Floet Sir
Terence Lewin, Chief of Defence
Staff, Among those present were:
General Str Charles Hartnesten, ViceAgental Str Charles Hartnesten, ViceAgental Str Charles Hartnesten, ViceAgental Str John Furbes, MajorGeneral Str Charles Hartnesten, ViceAgental Str Charles Hartnesten, ViceAgental Str Charles Hartnessen, ViceAgental Str Charles Hartnessen, ViceAgental Str Charles Hartnessen, ViceAgental Str Charles Str Charles
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Radil, T. P. Baymose and M. J. E.

The archive of all the poetical papers and drawings remaining in the possession of Stevie Smith at the time of her death went to Bertram Rota for £5,500 (estimate £3,000-£4,000). The surge of Interest in her work since her death in 1971 is underlined by the price; the archive was offered for sale at Socheby's the year after her death but failed to find a buyer and was bought in at £600.

The worn notable failure yester-day was a series of 17 autograph letters from Ruskin to Effie Grav during the year before their marriage and after their separa-tion. Although umpublished, they failed to sell and were bought in at £3,500 (estimate £6,000-£3,000).

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Northern Ireland service awards

The Ministry of Defence announces the following awards for service in Northern Ireland between May 1 and July 31, 1979: (Calgor Gda), P. Tremen-Michell (Rid).

MEE; Majors C. J. Abaurne, RAOC).

C. R. Erayshaw, (RA), N. F. L.

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A. W. Martland, (Para N. ASS); S. D.

Milton, (Queens), Set M. B. Johnston,

(UDR), Set J. H. Leveloy, (R.

Memorial service Mr S. Delmer

Mr S. Deliber

A memorial service for Mr Sefton Delimer was beid at St Bride's. Fleet Street, yesterday. Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated, Mr Jim Nicoli read the lesson and Mr Joseph Dobbs gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Delmer twidow: Mr Fein Delmer tonn; Miss Selime Delmer i daughteri. Lord Bornstein. Str Edward Paksense vice-culturan. Frees Council: Str Octor and fellows. Libres Structure Str Treve Exams. Mr M. J. Murchy (deputy managing-director. Prepresenting the chilirata and directors of Espress Newspapers: With Mr Arthur First Mr Morris Bonett (managing action, Sir Treve Exams. Mr M. J. Murchy (deputy managing-director. Petersenting the chilirata and directors of Espress Newspapers: Mr Morris Bonett (managing action, Smooth Enough Campany). Mrs Grant Control of the Fedural Ropablic of Germany). Mrs Galley Street Control of the Street Control

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Funeral

Mr L. A. Blate
The funeral took place on Thursday, December 13, at Mortiake
Crematorium of Mr Leonard
Arthur Blake, former Managing
Hooper and Co. day, December 1s, at mortage Crematorium of Mr Leonard Arthur Blake, former Managing Director of Hooper and Co. (Coachbuilders), Among those present were :

Science report

Disaster relief: an artificial famine

Simeshaw P. C. Caper, D. Dodige, N. Clarke, L. E. Copper, D. Dodige, N. Minyable, A. T. Little, W. Milligan, P. J. Paylon, J. Pinner, M. P. Senderson, J. S. Taylor, S. G. Tomas, F. R. Warten, M. D. Wick, R. M. Wilkinson, A. C. Wilhers, Sub-Lication, S. C. Caper, D. C. Caper, C. M. Wilkinson, A. C. Wilhers, Sub-Lication, Sub-Lication, C. A. Barner, RAN, D. R. Barner, C. A. Barner, RAN, D. R. Barner, RAN, D. R. Barner, RAN, D. R. Barner, RAN, C. Cavita, T. Haley, H. J. Hunt, RAN, E. T. Jones, P. S. Lewis, D. J. Manuer, RAN, P. S. Williams, M. A. Wogslaff, J. Ward, P. S. Williams, M. A. Wogslaff, J. Ward, P. S. Williams, M. A. Wogslaff, J. Ward, P. S. Williams, M. A. Williams, M. C. Caper, M. A. S. Stowers, C. A. Shifth, A. S. Stowers, C. A. Shifth, A. S. Stowers, C. A. Shifth, A. S. Stowers, C. A. Carmbrishe, S. Stowers, C. A. Shifth, A. S. Stowers, C. A. Carmbrisher, (Shamas), M. A. A. Wolse, C. C. Carmbrisher, C. C. George (Daylors), F. K. Eshun (Chema), M. Ezadi (Barner, S. M. Carmbrisher, C. Caper, C. C In the early months of 1978 about 200,000 refugees from Burma poured into Bangladesh. They were mainly Mustims feaving a strongly Buddhist country, and they left for a mixture of religious and economic reasons. By the end of the year 10,000 of them had died, mostly of malmutridon. Dr Cato Aall, a Danish nutritionst who was a food and nutrition adviser to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Bangladesh at the time, has written a strongly worded criticism of the relief operations in the lanest issue of Disasters. The required food as well as the nutritional know how was available, he says. Yet an artificial fumine developed—the couse-quences of mistuderstandings, inefficiency and incompetence.

famine developed—the consequences of "misunderstandings, inefficiency and incompetence" in Bangladesh/United Nations collaboration as well as "inadequate decisions " for which the UN system must take the larger responsibility.

The average curritional requirement of a Bedgali person is about 2,000 calories each day and a survival ration, for a few weeks only, might be as low as 1,400 calories a day. Yet the basic ration for the refugees was set at 465 grams of cereal a day for adults, and half that for children, equivalent to an average of 1,300 calories a day. There were irregular countlbutions from other commodities such as fish protein concentrate and pulses, but those added relatively little.

How was this ration set? The figure of 465x a day was proposed by the Bangladesh Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation and is the amount it gives to fis people in cases of emergency. Understandably, the Government did not feel justified in landing

people in cases of emergency.
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than it does to its own people-

If the distress period had been merely a few weeks, then that policy would have been justified. But the refugeer were to need feeding throughout 1978 and into 1979, and as the mouths progressed there were unmistakeable signs that trouble was developing. The average death rate in normal times in Bangladesh is four for each 10,000 of the population each week, and, Dr Aall says during a well functioning relief programme. week, and, by has says ouring a well functioning relief programme the mortality figures should not rise by more than half. Yer by July 1978 people were dying at between four and five times the normal rate.

At that stage attempts were being made to raise the calorie incide. A proposal was made for a large-scale supplementary feedn large-scale supplementary feeding programme for voluerable
groups, and the Government
agreed to that. But what was
really needed was the provision
of two extra meals a day of 500
calories for half of the 200,000,
and that simply turned out to be
logistically impossible, besides
which the Ministry of Relief and
Rehabilitation was unwilling to Rehabilitation was newfiling to commit limit. The various UN azencies involved felt either that the deaths were more a disease than a nutritional shorage, or that they could not override the relevant Bangladesh ministry.

relevant Bangladesh ministry.

Eventually it was agreed that the basic relation should be raised from 1,300 to 1,500 calonies a day for Ramadan, and mortality throughed for September and October so a level of "only" three times normal. But the return of the lower ration, coupled with a partial breakdown in food supplies and a measies endemic sent mortality sorving in November and December to seven to eight times mortal. normal.

Finally in January 1979, a
Rangiadesh UN mission arranged

for the raising of basic rations and the strengthening of vulnerable group feeding. By March, morrailty was down to much closer the expected level.

During the year there were at least 7,000 deaths which might not have occurred if it had been more clearly understood that the survival ration must be regarded as a manporary measure. There was adequate food available for a more substantial diet, and some of those involved recognised the needs, but the difficulty was one of communicating simple nutritional information from individuals to a complex of mational and imprinational agencies, so as to ensure action.

and international agencies, so as to ensure action.

The Bangladesh/Burma case study is one of a growing number of examples of the critical examination by scientists, doctors, and sociologists, of response to disaster. Frequently the shortage is not of each or stunies but of cash or stunies or stunies but of cash or studies but of cash or stunies but of cash or studies but of cash or stu not of cash or supplies but of an adequate administrative structure to make sore that relief goes through and is appropriate to people's needs.

On other occasions, as in Kam-

puches at present, it is important not just that immediate hunger is allevined but that the founda-tions for recovery are laid, by, for instance, relatively unspectacu-lar measures like the rebuilding of nedical schools. On yet other occasion it may be that over-generous aid seriously distorts the local economy. Finally in some instances, which might include a present serious drought developing the more of light disastered to me in parts of India disasters do not make headlines early enough for adequate resources to be simed at prevention. The cost of cure is then enormously higher.
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£1,500 award by Arts Council to playwright

By a Staff Reporter
The Arty Council's 1978 John
Whiting Award, of £1,500, for a
new and distinctive development
in dramatic writing was preserted
vesterday by Miss Dorothy Tutin,
the actress, to Vince Foxall for
his play, Gestures, which was first
produced at the Brum Studio is
the Birmingham Repertory
Theatre.

Theatre.
Previous recipients of the award Previous recipients of the award include Tom Stoppard, Peter Nichois and Howard Bremon and, as Miss Turin pointed out, none of the award winners had fallen by the warside. All of them were still being performed:

Mr Foxall, aged 34, was born in Wolverhampton but now lives in Bristol, where he has written several plays for the Avon Touring Company.

Chichester home for art collection

A valuable art collection amussed by the Very Rev Walter Hussey, former Dean of Chichester, who now lives in retirement in London, is to be permanently exhibited in Chichester. Olichester District Council has agreed to convert Pallant House, an eighteenth-century mansion an eighteenth-century mannion near the city centre, into an art gallery to house the collection, which includes works by Henry Moore, Earbara Hepworth, Graham Sutherland, Watteau, Sickert, Ivon Hickens, Ceri Richards, Ben Micholson and John Piper.

University news

Professor J. J. Scarlsbrick. MA, PhD. professor of history at Warwick University, has been elected to the Ford's lectureship in English history for 1981-82. Award and election: The Horito Symonds studenship in surject. Dr & Fanangadr. Nuffield Deatment of Surject? D. N. Ibbotana of Surject. D. N. Ibbotana Commonar. Formerly of Rotherson. Commonar. Formerly of Rotherson. Commonar. The Communication of Art. and Communication of Press.

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Appointments
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been appointed Spiner Professor of Fine
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Dr James T. Palerson, Professor of
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IMPERIAL COLLEGE: Dr J. B.
Burland has been appointed to
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Holiday closing

Hohday closing
Ancient monuments and historic buildings in England in the care of the Secretary of State for the Environment will be closed from December 24 until December 26 inclusive, and on January 1 with the following additions:
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OBITUARY

MR R. C. HANDASYDE Flight testing at Vickers

ion and a well-known rigure in aviation for more than 40 years.

"Bob" Handasyde joined Vickers Aviation Ltd in 1925 at the age of 17. He worked successively in the fitting and erecting shops and flight sheds before going on to the tracing office and ultimately the aero-drawning certification. dynamics section — as a mem-ber of which he flew as a flight test observer in the flight test department on all Vickers' aircraft from 1930. In 1931 he learned to fly at the Brooklands School of Fly-

ing, with free tuition, after win-ning The Tailer flying com-petition under which scheme he was the first to train and went solo after only five hours. In 1941, he became a produc-In 1941, he became a production test pilot flying Wellingtons and Warwicks and he was intimately concerned with the flight test development of Sir Barnes Wallis' dam-busting weapon on Lancasters and Mosquitoes. He also took part in high altitude development programmes, In 1945 he went on to carry out much of the ex-perimental development flying on the Viking, Britain's first post-war airliner.

Later, at the end of 1945, slways have a he accompanied the foreign at Brooklands.

Mr Robert Cruicksbank Han- sales director of Vickers Ltd. asyde, who died on December on a six-months tour of South dasyde who died on December on a six-months tour of South 6, at the age of 71, was a former director of British Aircraft the sale of 20 Vikings to Argen-Corporation, Weybridge Divis- tina. Mr Handasyde subsequeutly assisted Sir Richard Barlow of Airwork in deliver-ing the first two, remaining in the Argentine for six months to carry out conversion train-

After having made over 4,000 test flights Mr Handasyde was appointed sales manager at Weybridge in 1947, going on to lead the Vickers post-war commercial aircraft sales team not able to the Vickers provides mercial aircraft sales feam not-able on the Viscount prop-jet of which sales of 438 aircraft were made to 60 customers all uver the world and then on the BAC One-Eleven twin-jet of which well over 200 have now been sold throughout the world. He was appointed a special director of Vickers-Armstrong (Aircraft) Ltd. in 1953 and a director of British Aircraft Cor-

poration. Weybridge Division in 1964. He retired in 1971.

Robert Cruickshank Handagede was the son of George H.
Handasyde who, with Helmuth P. Martin, became the first aircraft engineer to take up permanent accommodation at the craft engineer to take up per-manent accommodation at the Brooklands motor-racing track and acrodrome in 1910 and went on to build a notable series of pioneering acroplanes under the name of Martin-syde'. His name will thus always have a special meaning at Brooklands

Ministry of Defence. For the eleven years before his retirement he was the Assistant Director responsible for the procurement from industry of a series of satellites to carry experiments.

experiments provided by the Science Research Council; for the application of sounding rockets to various scientific in-

vestigations, and to evaluation of the earth's resources by

successful satelite, Ariel 5, launched in 1974 and still giving

remarkable zeal and devotion.

He amassed a vast dossier on

the life and times of the tra-veller Mansfield Parkyns and his descendants in Northern Ethiopia, He followed every

clue and made wide enquiries, but he was tod diffident to com-mit this immense material to print. His scholarly enthusiasm

extended also to the Nanier expedition to Magdala in 1867-68, but it was left to his dough-ter, Ann Schlee, to write a povel (The Guns of Darkness)

on those events.

It is only little more than a formight ago that he spoke with his customary mixture of fervour and self-effacement about his current researches and future plans. His friends and future plans, are despited and self-effacement are despited and self-effacement are despited and self-effacement are despited and self-effacement are despited as a self-effacement are despited and self-effacement.

and colleagues are deeply sad-dened at his sudden death and

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DR NYMAN SIMMONS

Dr Nyman Simmons, FRAes, Ministry of Supply, through the who did important early work Ministry of Aviation and the management and the Ministry of Technology, to the country died on December 1, who did important early work on satellite technology in this country died on December 1, aged 65.

Dr Simmons was educated at the Central Foundation School in London, from where he won a scholarship to Queen Mary College, London. He received a First Class Honours degree in mathematics and was awarded the Sir John Lubbock Memorial Prize for being the best mathematician of his year. After further academic distinctions, was awarded his Doctorate remote sensing; and for the in hydro and aerodynamics at early stages of United Kingdom King's College, London in 1940, where he also lectured for a cations satellites mainly while.

while.

During the War he survived last project with the Procuretion tours of duty as navigator in Wellington bombers and was mentioned in Parameters and was successful satelite. mentioned in Despatches. After his release from the RAF with the rank of Squadron Leader, he joined the Scientific Civil Service and worked on various aspects of armaments research at several Government Estab-

useful results in the field of X-Ray astronomy.

After his retirement in 1974, Dr. Simmons continued with his lifelong interest in space technology and was an active member of the Remore Sensing Society which he had helped to Dr Simmons stayed with the Scientific Civil Service throughout the rest of his career, his work moving in a succession of reorganizations from the member of the Remain Society which he had helped to found a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and Vice-President of the British Interplanetary Society.

SIR DUNCAN CUMMING

Professor Edward Ullendorff, vince of the Sudan as well as FBA, writes:
on the genealogies of the run-Your fine obituary of Sir cipul family groups in those Duncan Cumming lays just areas. In his retirement he con-stress on his important contri-tinued those activities with bution to the administration of the Sudan and the Horn of Africa before, during, and after the Second World War. He was a gentle, knowledgeable, and considerate chief to those serving under him and was held in high esteem by the indigenous populations of the territories which he administered. Like

which he administered. Like his colleague, Brigadier Stephen H. Longrigg (who was Miktary Governor of Eritrea, 1942-44, and died recently during the temporary eclipse of The Times and was thus deprived of the appreciative obituary he had so richly deserved, Duncan Cumming belonged to that virtually extinct species of scholar-proconsul who lent such lustre to the British presence in

During his active career he collected a good deal of material on the history of Eritrea and the Kassala pro-

at the passing of an era of which he was such a noble and distinguished representative. AIR VICE-MARSHAL S. D. MACDONALD

In your obituary of Air Vice-Marshal S. D. Macdonald you mention his command of No 3 Wing (Sudau). What happened at that time has dever been described except by the War Correspon-dent Alan Moorehead after his visit to the three Squadrons 14, 47 and 223 on July 16, 1940, after which he wrote a despatch which is reproduced on page 252 of the Royal Air Force 1939-45. Part 1. by Denis Richards.

A.D.S. writes:

This was a long despatch but it praised Macdonald's Wing for their struggle with the intense heat and with the obsolete aircraft with which they were equipped. This aircraft was D: Barnes Wallis's first design and it preceded the well known it preceded the well known Welfington. It was the Vickers Wellesley.

The Wellesleys were acknow-ledged to be unable to compete with European combat condi-tions and were also not even ruited to the Western Desert. They were modifications of the record breaking Wellesleys which held the non-stop flight one pilot and one gummer they

a twin engined Blenheim but at only about half the speed. There was only one fixed for-ward firing gun and one gun in the rear for defence. This Wing which was the only Air Striking Force in 1940 to support the Army and Navy, from the day the war started made intensive raids on nava made intensive raids on naval bases, fighter airfields and oil installations in the face of ground fire and fighter attacks. The targets were normally 300 miles to the South and the Wing hit them again and again until losses forced Macdonald to make more use of nightattacks. Some Wellesleys were even used for Naval Convoy protection far out over the Red

Sea.
Although in the end the Wellesleys were either lost in action or written off through lack of any spares Macdonald's careful strategy and tactics made them last just long enough to see the British Vic-

protection far out over the Red

tory in Eritres.

Macdonald used to say that it was Barnes Wallis's special lartice work construction that enabled his aircraft to absorb record from Ismailia to Austra- so much fighter and flak lia in 1938. With one engine, punishment and yet-somehow

GROUP CAPTAIN JOHN TYZACK

chairman of Tyzack & Partners Ministry.

January 11, 1904, and after engineering company, schooling spent his early life A firm believer in the need schooling spent his early life in the agricultural and brewing industries. In 1929 he joined the RAF with a regular comand was appointed CBE (Mil) in 1944 for his work on the Joint Planning Staff in the plan-ning of "Overlord", the inve-sion of Europe. Before retiring

Group Captain John Tyzack, served as Deputy Director CBE, the founder and former Movements (Air) at the Air

Ltd, management consultants, died on December 10 at the age of 75.

He was a founder Director of British European Airways as Director of Administrative Services and subsequently John Tyzeck was born on managing director of a civil

to improve the standard, training and performance of British business management, he founmission. Serving in the Middle ded for this purpose Tyzack & East before the war, he was Partners Management Consulmentioned in dispatches in 1940 tants, in 1959 and subsequently tants, in 1959 and subsequently Hallam Press and Incomes Data Services Limited. Before retiring in 1971 he served also as a director of several industrial companies and lectured exten-Tower of London. closed on at his own request in 1945, in sively on business organization and homes 16, 25 to 36 mediate and the rank of group captain, he and management training. 7 4.15 Must At. 5.65 Wag John Dunn. 1 Music from a Dell.† 9.65 9.55 Sports Level. 11.65 am You and

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for British Leyland if state funding dries up By Clifford Webb Midland Industrial Correspondent

Renault could bid

Renault, the state-owned french motor group, is emerg-ing as a possible buyer for British Leyland if the Government refuses to continue fund-ing the last British-owned representative in the international

The state of the s

sentative in the international motor industry.

Already the largest industrial grouping in France, Renault is riding high at present. Tomorrow, in Geneva, it is expected to announce a deal with Volvo which calls for a direct French stake in the Swedish motor

group.

A Renault takeover of BL would leave the French holding more than half the car and commercial vehicle manufacturing capacity in this country.
Peugeot Citroen acquired
Chrysler UK in August 1978.
The rest is already in the hands of the Americans, Ford and General Motors.

There is no news of an official approach to the British Government but informal moves are reported by reliable sources. Two senior executives of British components companies believe they have been used by Rebault to report the French company's interest in BL to the Department of Industry. There is no news of an offi-

One of them said: "It would be incorrect to say that Renault made an offer to the Governmade an offer to the Government using people like myself as intermediaries. But certainly I have reported the result of conversations with Remault people which indicates their interest as a possible purchaser. "I know that such a move would be political dynamite but, as an alternative to the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs in BL and the components

jobs in BL and the components companies tied into it, it could make sound commercial sense. It could also be used as a lever to extract concessions from the French on other outstanding issues between our two coun-tries."

In Paris yesterday a French motor industry director (not Renault) said: "Renault are so full of themselves at the moment that they probably believe that they can tackle anything. The deal with Volvo and, before that, the decision to buy a big share of American Motors, indicate their intention to be a worldwide power able to take on the Americans and the Japanese."

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent
Britains North Sea oil producers are poised to follow whatever price increases are set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Caracas, Venezuela. The new prices for North Sea oil are likely to so up by at least 15 per cant in line with the increases already announced by Libya earlier this week.

The Government has reques-

National Oil Corporation, the main North Sea price setter, to coloid down prices as long as possible. It believes that the damage caused to industry and the boost to inflation, which it estimates will go up by 1.5 per accent for every 10 per cent increase in oil prices, far outweighs any gain in exporting oil at higher prices.

But I NOC is unlikely to be able to hold the price increases beyond January 1, the of next date when term contracts. Al

next date when term contracts make provision for a price change. The increase is likely

to provoke more protests from EEC countries such as Den-mark and Germany which criticized Britain at the Dublin

summit for not doing more to

ted the state-owned British National Oil Corporation, the

of talks which have dragged on for well over two years. They began formally when a joint working party was established in June, 1977 (before Sir Michael Edwardes joined BL as chairman) to examine areas for technical collaboration.

Both sides have denied that these talks were in any way connected with a possible merger. Since then, there have been recurring reports of clashes between BL executives and at least one senior Renault

The chief cause of the present breakdown was the sur-prise deal between BL and Honda for the British company-to assemble a new Honda car in this country and market it throughout the EEC.

Renault is known to have offered BL a similar new car deal more than 18 months ago but it was rejected because— unlike the Japanese deal—too many concessions were de-manded in return.

Renault executives have com-Renault executives have com-plained bitterly that they regard BL's action as "selling the European pass to the Japanese". But the real cause of their anger is believed to be the way Sir Michael Edwardes pulled off the Honda deal with-out the French picking up a whisper. whisper.

On the other hand, Sir Michael Edwardes is understood to have been just as upset by Renault's decision, sanounced two mouths ago, to invest £75m in American Motors and give guarantees covering another £25m. In return Renault will use AMC's factories in Kennethe Wissenste factories in Kenosha, Wiscon-sin, to manufacture cars for the American market.

He has also complained about the aggressive tactics Requit has adopted to persuade BL dealers to change sides. This includes extensive wining and dining trips to France.

The Government's reply to BL's request for another £525m worth of state aid almost cerprotracted union - management regotistions, now in their final

Sir Michael wants to remove daries that have plagued the whole of the motor industry for the past 30 years.

Sea oil are extremely limited. Under the terms of option arrangements with North Sea producers, BNOC has to pay market prices for the oil it

In any event, any artificial depression in Britain's North

Sea prices would merely open the way to a third party making a profit by reselling supplies on the open market.

At present only about 1 per cent of North Sea crude oil is

trading at spot values (which are well above the contract prices). But this proportion could rapidly increase.

The Government equally maintains that it cannot influ-

ence prices by boosting supplies because the producers

are already operating to capa-city to recover their initial

investment as quickly as

North Sea oil, which is of a prices closely linked to those prices colsely linked to those of African producers, including Algeria and Nigeria as well as Libya. Prices of North Sea oil last years up in Nogember from

last went up in November from the old ceiling of \$23.50 to just

over \$26 a barrel (35 Imperial gallons) in line with the

latest

announced by Libya and which other African producers are likely to follow is for \$30 a

increase

African producers.

The

Dutch approval needed: A Dutch Economies Ministry Relations between Renault his Government's agreement and BL are reported to be very would be needed for any deal strained after the breakdown between Volvo and Renault.

Marsh & McLennan calls for takeover talks with Bowring after apparent collapse of premium pooling plan

Insurance Correspondent
Marsh & McLennan of tehe United States, the world's big-gest insurance broking group, is considering a takeover bid for transatlantic "pot" before being C. T. Bowring, the second largest broking firm in the United
Kingdom whose interests also
include the Singer & Friedlander merchant bank and the
Bowmaker credit finance group.

In a surviva more vectories

The suspension price of capitalized at £119m. However, stockbrokers were guessing last In a surprise move yesterday night that to be successful, an Bowring's shares were suspended before Marsh announced to be worth at least £2 a share that it was calling for discussions with Bowring with a view If successful, the takeover to obtaining an agreement on a takeover. Bowring, however, hinted strongly that a bid will

premium pooling arrangement. This plan, which would have in-volved broking revenues of both

would almost certainly involve Marsh in having to divest itself of 75 per cent of Bowring's broking interests if it wished to Bowring and Marsh have for retain the group's status as a the past 18 months been locked Lloyd's accredited firm.

playing down suggestions that a significant rift had emerged between them following failure of the premium pooling plans, Bowring has hinted clearly that it finds the takeover move particularly unwelcome.

In a statement last night it regret that, in view of the long association between the two association between the two businesses. Marsh McLennan have chosen to make a unilateral announcement of their intention to consider an offer for the whole of the share capital and convertible loan stocks of Eowring."

It added: " If and when any offer is received, it will be examined by the directors."

The bid move is bound to

and Bowring began discussing premium pooling last year, the announcement triggered off similar arrangements among other groups and was believed to be partly responsible for the merger of Sedgwick Forbes and

Bland Payne, two of Britain's biggest broking firms.
At the centre of this turmoil is the Lloyd's insurance market, which relies on American firms for haif its premium business of around £2,000m a year but which in the second second second which insists on dealing directly only with United Kingdom accredited firms.
Thus, to send business to

Although both groups were cause further disturbance in Llnyd's, the American groups existing relationships between have to pass it to a British United States broking groups and their leading United Kingdom counterparts. When Marsh and Bowring began discussing two years ago for Wigham Poland but this was thwarted by a Lloyd's rule that overseas companies could not hold more than between 20 and 25 per cent of a Lloyd's broker's total

equity.
Mr jack Regan, Marsh & Mc-Lennan's president, said last night that any move with regard to the takeover would have to be approved by Lloyd's. He agreed that this would probably involves Marsh divesting itself of 75 per cent of the oking interests

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Imperial moves into US fast-food chain with 4 votes to spare

Imperial Group, the British tobacco, drinks and food conglomerate, yesterday voted in favour of the proposed £287m (\$630m) rakeover bid for the Howard Johnson botel and restaurant chain in the United

But voting was close at the extraordinary meeting in London, attended by more than 200 shareholders, with 102 votes approving the deal, a majority of four. However, the result was a foregone conclusion as Im-perial had received almost 80 per cent of acceptances in proxy votes before the meeting. Howard Johnson shareholders also approved the deal yester-day in Boston, Massachusetts.

Imperial's chairman, Sir John Pile, told the shareholders that the group's pre-tax profits were expected to be £5m better than last year's £131m. He reminded shareholders that the acquisition remained

subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with 40 separate liquor licensing authorities in the States in which Howard Johnson operates so that the business can continue to sell liquor after the takeover. So far agreement has been reached with 27 authori-

Discussions with the rest are continuing but Imperial's law-yers believe there will be a satisfactory outcome.



Sir John Pile: pre-tax profits expected to be £5m up.

when the acquisition is com-plete. This revaluation is expected to show a \$200m surplus over book value and will reduce the cost of purchasing the £169m good will in Howard Johnson.

He stressed that Howard Johnson's profits should show improvement at the year end over last year, despite a third quarter serback because of oil shortages in the United States. Last year Howard Johnson mede profits of

growth in profits over the years despite a sizable rede-In response to shareholders' years despite a sizable redevelopment programme which deal, which gives Howard Johnson shareholders 528 a share compared with the market price of around \$16 market price of around \$16 market price of around \$16 market price of shareholders. Sir John told shareholders.

NEB raises £38m towards £100m target by selling its stake in ICL

Enterprise The National Board yesterday took the first step towards meeting the Gov-ernment's requirement of rais-ing £100m by March when it sold its entire 25 per cent hold-ing in ICL.

The shares were placed in the market at 455p. a discount of almost 5 per cent on Friday's clusing price of 478p, raising 138m. According to NEB figures, this shows a profit of 125m, or 192 per cent, on its total investment of £13m.

There is some speculation in the market that ICL plans a rights issue but this was denied by the group last night. Although borrowings rose last year, this was because of indus-trial trouble and the strength of sterling.

Research and development costs will be relatively lower future with any new range of computers being evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

The Government acquired its initial 10.5 per cent stake in the company when it was set up in 1968 through a merger of Inter-

national Computers and Tabulators, English Electric Computers and a small part of Ferranti, At the time GEC and

Plessey were the other main have the same advantageous shareholders, each owning 18.2 per cent of the equity.

However there is some specu-

In 1976 the GEC stake was divided between the NEB and Plessey to give both parties an equal holding of 24.4 per cent, with the Department of Industry's shares baving been passed to the NEB.

In January this year Plessey also sold its holding through a market placing at 412p, a 6.4 per cept discount on the then market price of 440p. At that time the NEB marginally increased among 250 institutions, with most of the applications having to be scaled down considerably. expected, although the placing yesterday morning took the market by surprise.

After ICL last week announced a 22 per cent rise in full year profits to £45.7m, the new board of the NEB decided to take advantage of the subsequent increase in the share

price.
Among the other NEB stakes which could be on offer before the end of the financial year are Brown Boveri Kent, Ferare Brown Boveri Kent, Ferranti and the unquoted Fairey. Interim profits from Ferranti are expected tomorrow but they are unlikely to be in the same class as ICL. Internal and nationwide strikes will have cut them back from last year's £3.2m to around the £3m level.

which means the NEB will not

lation that, if no selling oppor-tunity presents itself before March, the NEB will let the deadline pass to get the best price for its holdings. Kenneth Owen writes: The

NEB vesterday announced an E80,000 investment in Doyce Electronics of Fakenham, Nor-folk, a small company which makes electronic test equip-ment for petrol and diesel This is the first investment

to be announced since the new NEB board took office to confirm the "catalystic" role of the board in relation to advanced-technology companies.

The board's initial £80,000 investment will give it 25 per cent of the company's enlarged ordinary share capital and 100 per cent of the preference share capital. A further £36,667 is earmarked for invest-ment in 1980 in the form of additional preference shares. Doyce Electronics was formed in 1972 and claims to have been the first company in Britain to introduce what it describes as "sophisticated" digital engine testers. It now employs 20 people. The NEB investment should enable the

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company to maintain its growth

£53m half-year loss for N Sea producers set to follow Opec lead **British Shipbuilders**

Industrial Editor

Losses of £53 million for the first half of the present financial year ware announced yesterday by British Shipbuilders. In a brief statement the shipbuilding corporation said it believed that its trading loss for the full year ending next March would be within the £100 million limit set by the

Government this summer. The first half loss was struck on g turnover of £423 million for the period and against the background of increasing pressure on the state corporation to carry through further financial belt-tightening in order to remain within the Government set limits.

British Shipbuilders, which was formed 21 years ago, is attempting to streamline the organization and improve levels of efficiency when the world market for new ships is diminishing and where competition

The corporation has set a target of 45 new orders in the current year, and so far has secured firm orders for about half that number. The need for orders is vital if the corporation is to provide a sufficient base

work load for those yards which have been identified as having a future.

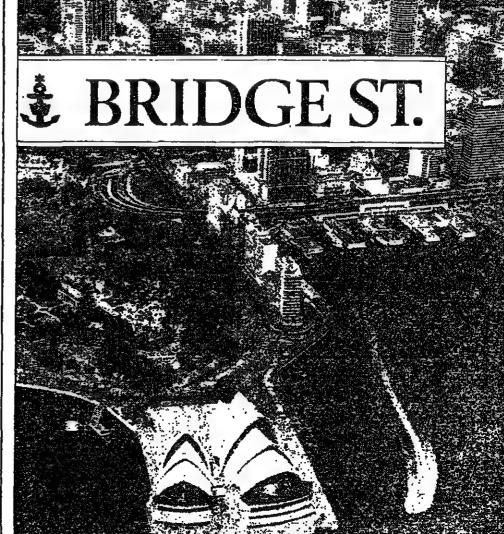
At the end of September, its merchant order book consisted of 76 ships totalling about 685,000 tons gross, which is about half the traditional annual soout hair the traditional annual output of the United Kingdom industry. At the end of Septem-ber last year the order book involved over 100 ships totalling 1,100,000 tons gross.

It will be at least another two years before demand for merchant ships returns to reasonably substantial levels, and the corporation has been forced to transfer a large part of its labour force to construction of naval ships. which increasingly will form the basis of orders for the yards. Meanwhile, redundancies continue. Since the beginning of April over 2,200 workers left the industry, pushing the total since nationalization to

just over 10,000. In the past two weeks, the corporation has secured a number of new orders including two bulk carriers for Govan Shipbuilders and a total of nine new orders for Austin & Pickersgill, the corporation's Wearside subsidiary. All of the orders are being subsidized from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund.

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hold down prices. The British Government's other powers to control either the likely price or the supply of North barrel. PRICE CHANGES

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170,000 get BSC's bonus terms

British Steel Corporation executives were making a las:ditch attempt last night to head off the threatened national strike he the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation from Jauuary 2.

Mr Robert Scholey, chief executive of BSC, and Dr David Grieves, managing directorpersonnel, travelled to Luxenibourg last night for a rounne meeting of the European Coat and Steel Community Consu-tative Committee, Mr Wilham Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, is also attending the

mecting. Mr Scholey said the opportunity would be taken to try to discuss the proposed lump sum bonus scheme which cools produce increases of up to 10 per cent from improved produclivity at local level. The move coincided with a the chance to get into discussiving attack by the Steel sions on detailed schemes."

Industry Management Associa-tion on the corporation's plans tunity for detailed discussions Reith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, that the proposed closure of the Consett steelworks was the most was steelworks was the most was steelworks was the most was steelworks. ing of the closures. Yesterday BSC handed out a

four-page bulletin to more than 170,000 employees. It gave details of the lump sum bonus The distrubution of the bulletin was designed to get the

corporation's offer across to rank and file members although Mr Scholey denied that the BSC was going over the heads of union leaders. Mr Scholey said: "We feel our ideas on pay have not been put across as adequately as they could have been. We feel

the ISTC's precipitate response to our proposal has denied us

BSC except on safety.

He stressed that BSC would

not be prepared to increase the existing 2 per cent national offer. BSC executives still do not regard the strike as inevitable although the BSC will shut for Chricimas at the end of this week; the ISTC executive will meet tomorrow. The Steel Industry Manage-

Association (SIMA), represents senior and middle BSC managers, sent a detailed statement on BSC's cuts to Sir Keith Joseph, steel constituency MPs and the TUC. It said that the corporation qualit to move towards overal profitability and that hiving off profitable business from BSC would be unreasonable.



Warning on growth of Bonn deficit

West Germany's Federal Bank national balance of payments deficit on current account is likely to grow still further next year from the 8,000m mark (about £2,111m) level expected

In its latest monthly report the bank said the change in the structure of Germany's current account balance of payments to considerable deficit for the first time in 14 years was not just a short term phenomenon. The dramatic shift of around 25,000m marks from last year's surplys of some 18,000m marks o this year's deficit meant tha

West Germany must once again exports. Accordingly the German central bank appealed to hoth sides of industry to reach moderate wage settlements in the forthcoming round of col-lective wage bargaining.

Collusion case ends

West Germany's Federal Cartel Office says it has drop-ped collusion proceedings against Dresdnar Bank AG, Deutsche Bank AG and Com-merzbank AG for simultaneous raising of interest rates. It said intensive hearings supported the bank's claim of innocence.

Oil tenders invited

Ecuador has invited tenders from multinational oil companies for exploration of 10 million hectares as part of a drive to increase dwindling oil reserves. A total of 125 walls for exploration of 10 are planned in the next five years at a cost of \$1,000m (about £457m) with finance raised in domestic and international markets.

Armco, the Ohio-based industrial and steel manufacturer. has negotiated a \$5,353m (E2,444m) equipment contract for the Novolipetsk electrical steels plant south of Moscow. Armco is working in association with Nippon Steel of Japan.

\$5.353m Moscow deal

Toyota export record Toyota's vehicle exports in November were a monthly record of 138,100, up 9.7 per cent from 125,900 in October and up 51.9 per cent from 30,900 a year earlier.

Fed chairman meets Mrs Thatcher Small iron amid interest rates uncertainty

United States Economics Correspondent Washington, Dec 17

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, found half an hour in her tight schedule of official meetings today to see Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. United States money market traders would dearly have liked to take part in this tote-à-tête with the outlook for interest rates now desperately uncertain.

open market policy committee ally adjusted annual rate of 4.1 without explanation and some per cent, with growth of 7.2 dealers interpret this as mean per cent for the last 26 weeks ing no change is likely in Fed policy before the committee 52 weeks. These figures would convenes on January 9. But some dealers suggest that pressures are building that could force the Fed to move to a tighter policy stance.

The confusion rests partly the Fed's approach to monetary prime credit easing and tight-ening tool used was the rate for federal funds. This changed on October 6 when the Fed said

ideas on the relationship between bank reserves growth and money supply growth and reserves growth, although it has not announced these

It is aiming for an annual growth rate of between 3 to 6 per cent and latest data suggest It is right on target. The four-week moving averages Mr Volcker has cancelled to-norrow's meeting of the Fed's the last 13 weeks at a seasonand 5.2 per cent for the last not suggest any peed for credit tightening.

> However, the bank reserves aggregates have shown sharp rises recently and this has convinced some analysts that the Fed will tighten policies soon.

The four-week moving averages show a clear deterioration in the growth rate of total bank reserves, non-borrowed reserves and required reserves. The sea-

it would operate with targets sonally adjusted annual rate for for bank reserves playing a much bigger role than target cent, for the last 13 weeks interest rates.

The Fed clearly has specific last 26 weeks and 3.5 per cent for the last 26 weeks and 3 for the last 52 weeks.

> There are other reasons why some experts see rates moving back to higher levels. The pundits at the Commercia Credit Corporation of Baltimore say that "with inflation. and inflationary expectations showing continued strength, the Opec oil cartel meeting today, and seasonal credit demands upon the money markets, there may be further increases in

> money market rates ". At Bankers Trust, staff economists reflect a widespread view in stating that "until there are more convincing signs that the more convincing signs that the economy is weakening and that inflation is finally turning the corner, it is unlikely that interest rates will move downward quickly ".

Solomon Brothers suggests that the recent rise in bank reserves may soon lead to higher interest rates and it anticipates such heavy demands for new financing in the public and private sectors during 1980.

Research bodies set new targets

of the Department of Industry aim to do much more work for industry, and in par-ticular to increase the proporion that is aimed at results in five to 10 years' time, according to Dr Duncan Davies, the department's chief scientist and engineer.

the establishments, published today. Dr Davies says: "It is a little disappointing that our industrial nartnership work is ow growing only slowly and, although it cannot increase indefinitely, we want to increase our penetration more sharoly over the next year or two."

The six establishments are the National Physical Laboratory, National Engineering Laboratory, Warren Soring Laboratory, National Maritime Institute, Computer Aided Design Centre and the Laborntory of the Government Chemist. Their total funding for 1978-79 amounted to £29m, of which £4.3m came from in-dustry and £6m from other government departments. The proportion of the establishments' work "aimed at future canability in five to 10

years' time", says Dr Davies, is now considerably less than 10 years agn. "This preparatory work is, of course, crucial to our customers: it is our seed corn. We hope to get more of it paid for by them directly." Government technologists in the United Kingdom initiated cooling process, but it is true

reactors and new agrochemical and pharmaceutical technology, Dr Davies points out. Now there are opportunities in marine technology, computer-sided en-

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gincering, microelectronic sytems, engine management, materials and measurement (associated with quality con-

Electricity cuts cost of bottle making

Energy savings, cost savings, improved safety and an improved working environment generally have been achieved for a relatively modest investment by Rockware Glass of Knottingley, Yorkshire, by changing from gas-firing to electric heating for part of the company's bottle-making pro-

Rockware has achieved no less than 85 per cent energy savings by the introduction of electric heating in the "fore-hearth" area. The new system is saving £4,500 every four months, and should now for months and should pay for itself in two years. It is perhaps paradoxical that heat is required to control a

in this case in the interests of precision. Molten glass, on leaving the furnace at 1,250°C, is brought down to about 1,100°C before entering the stage at which the containers are formed.

This is done by passing the molten glass through the fore-hearth, a process which ensures that the glass reaches a uniform temperature when it is dispensed so that it has a uniform viscosity when formed.

If conditions are not uniform, problems such as poor formability and uneven weight distribution play havoc with the fast, complex forming equipment. Thus the forehearth is the vital last area of control in which the molten glass may

conditioned. In the conventional method f gas-fired hearing in the foreearth, heat is applied above the glass. The process relies on radiant heat transfer to the glass and thermal conduction through it. But glass is a poor thermal conductor.

In the new method, elec-trodes are inserted directly into the glass. Apart from small losses in the electrical equipment, all the energy is trans-ferred to the glass. After five months of monitoring it was calculated that there would be a swing of 112,000 therms a year (at 20p a therm).

foundries in jeopardy, report says

By John Huxley

Small iron foundries are closing at such a rate that the local services they supply are now seriously threatened, according to a report published by an in-dustry working party today.

The report says that small craft foundries are of crucial strategic importance to the economy. They provide a pro-duct on which the whole of the engineering industry depends, that is "the one-off or short production run casting vital for production run casing vital for prototype development manufacture, for special purpose, custom-built machinery or for replacement parts where speed of response is vital.".

Although an overall decline in demand for engineering cast-ings is expected, and fewer ings is expected; and lewer foundries will be needed, the present rate of closure is too high, the working party has reported to the Foundries Economic Development Committee (Little Neddy).

The working party also found that small craft foundries had problems unlike those of other small companies and, therefore, required separate attention. In particular, they suffered

for extremely cyclical profit-ability, faced special environ-mental problems and had to make large investments relative to their turnover.

Frequently, they charged un-realistically low prices because of the inadequacy of costing methods. For these reasons, the small foundry sector had a record of poor profitability.

The working party believes that the Inland Revenue should introduce a capital loan scheme tax rebates to help foundry owners cone with fluctuations in profitability.

It calls on the Department of Industry to develop specific industrial expertise in its small Department of Trade to consider sympathetically the merits of a possible agreement to co-ordinate the date of foundry price increases.

The Department of the Environment, it suggests, should through its advice to local authorities on the interpreta-tion of clean air legislation, encourage the introduction of more reasonable "demands on Foundrymen can also do

much to improve profitability and efficiency. The working party recommends especially (at 20p a therm).

Kenneth Owen

and Ronald Kershaw

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Kenneth of all 2000 therms a planty recommends appearing the they concentrate on adding value to the castings they already sell, and do not rely on selling a greater volume of castings in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Proposal on secretaries 'a restrictive practice

From Mr Nicholas Baker, MP secretarial company, for exam-for North Dorset (Conserva ple, a company formed by a tive). Clearing bank to provide this Sir You reported (December service, from being secretary

Sir, You reported (December 13) a new clause to the Companies Bill proposed by my colleague, Mr Graham Page MP, and carried in the committee stage, providing that all company secretaries of public companies must be profes-As the only member of the committee who voted against this amendment, I would like to comment on this proposal.

The first point is that the secretary of a public company. is not central to the management of the company and I know of no examples of company secretaries through incompetence as secretaries materially damaging either their company, or its share-bolders or employees. Indeed, in many public companies, a registrar's department carries out many of the functions which in a private company are carried out by the secre-

tary.
Secondly, the clause as adopted would prevent any.

of a public company in future. The only exception in the clause is that secretaries of existing public companies or persons who have been secretaries for three out of the pre-vious five years of one public (which would, of company company (which a company)
may act as secretary of

Thirdly, for some reason, certified accountants are excluded from the list of those accountants permitted to perform this service; there are other contenders for the list of those suita-

qualified. bly qualified.

This proposal, which will no doubt receive closer examination during the report stage of the Bill, will strike many as a statutory backing for a professional restrictive practice which in this case I do not believe to be necessary in the public inverses. public interest NICHOLAS BAKER,

Prosecutions of public companies questioned

From Mr B. A. Morgan Sic, The recent prosecution Swan Hunter Shipbuilders successful though it was raises Shipbuilders: successful though it was, raises an interesting question of principle. Is it necessary for large sums of public money to be spent by one public body (In this case, the Health and Safety Executive) in prosecuting another (here, Swan Hunter Shipbuilders) when the same result could have been achieved by an altogether cheaper and speedier method?

The prosecution of Swan Hunter resulted from an inci-

Hunter resulted from an inci-dent which, as all those in-volved agree, was an isolated breakdown in a well-established

system, is, one person failed to follow the rules. What, then, has the prosecu-tion of Swan Hunter achieved? It is clear, of course, that the legal profession has benefited. Who, however, are the other beneficiaries? The prosecution has in no way assisted the families of those who died, nor has it done anything to improve standards of safety in the furure. There are occasions when such prosecutions are justified on the grounds that the law has been clarified—no such clarification has resulted

from this case.
What are the alternatives? First, the case could have been brought in a magistrates court. This has the power to impose a fine of up to 11,000

were fined £3,000 for three offences). Prosecution in a magistrates court would not have involved the three-and-a-half-year delay which occurred before the Swan Hunter case was brought to a Crown court, nor would it have involved such

chormous legal costs. Secondly, however, and more importantly, there are other means by which proper safety standards can be imposed and maintained without recourse to any courts of law.

It is strangely inconsistent that had the accident at Swan Hunter taken place at a navel dockyard or indeed on any premises belonging to the Crown no case could have been brought because of the Crown's Immunity from prosecution.

This is not to say that safety standards in Crown properties are inadequate but rather that standards are satisfactorily maintained by methods other than prosecution through a court of law.

The basic question posed then is as follows: should publicly owned bodies be prosecuted for alleged breaches in safety regulations? Given the apparent lack of return involved in this course of action it would seem ther there is a strong case for abandoning such prosecutions in future. B. A. MORGAN.

Morgan Finch & Partners, 27 Regant Road,

East Enders demand a say in their future From the Rev Robert J. Yeo.

Sir, I have every sympathy with Sir Kenneth Thompson, chairman of Manchester chairman of Manche County Gouncil, who reported (December 10), describing the proposed establishment of a development cor-poration for his area as a monstreus dictatorship opposed to every concept of local democracy. I wonder if I could ask him, through the columns of your newspaper, to. have a quiet word in the ear of the leader of the Greater Bondon Council (Knight to Knight declaring knowledge of Psalm 19: 9) and tell him that London's East Enders, like Merseysiders, are proud of their bocakty and demand a say in their future and that of their environment.

If created, the Development Corporation for London's Docklands will deprive East Enders of such a say in the same way as the similar proposals for Merseyside will reader

sais for Merseyside will reader powerless our fellow docklanders in the North.

Like Sir Kenneth I would say give our local councils the money and the power and let them get on with the job. I believe that they would get on with the creative task of developing our docklands intered. oping our docklands instead of threatening to destroy the unique community of the Isla of Dogs with a six lane motor way or publishing dreams of a Utopian Olympic village at £10

per copy.
ROBERT J. YEOMANS. Christ Church Vicarage, Manchester Road,

The ECC and Britain's oil

Prom Professor E. Happold Sir, Our EEC partners believe that it is not unreasonable to expect some subsidy on their natural assets such as agriculnatural assets such as agricul-tural produce together with high texation on food imported into the EEC. Equally it would seem reasonable that we should afficilit accede to their request to troot them with special status re-garding our oil and gas sales. Our oil and gas is among the most difficult and expensive to extract in the world and should be charged at a considerably higher price than the est of the EEC. At the same time external supplies of oil and gas imported into the EEC should he higher texed. Your faithfully, EBMUND HAPPOLD chool of Architecture and Building Engineering, of Bath,

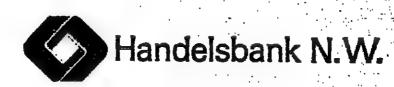
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Driving the overseas wedge into Lloyd's

American disclosure regulations may have orced Marsh & McLennan out into the pen earlier than it would have liked with ts possible bid for C. T. Bowring. Even so he move seems impulsive and may have seen born out of MGM's frustration that slans for an ambitious premium pooling rrangement have foundered after eighteen ronths of bard talking.

It is not wholly clear why the pooling lan has failed though Bowring purs the lame squarely in the American's court. What is clear though is that with Bowring apitalized at around £119m before suspenon and presumably able to command a remium of at least 50 per cent, M & M ill be taking on quite a challenge if it

ecided to go ahead, even now that it can se equity in part payment. MGM's current ipitalization is around \$970m (£443m).

One particularly odd aspect of the move M & M's insistence that it would not like upset Lloyd's, which it views as its most aportant market, and would thus go along ith any general or particular ruling from e Lloyd's committee.

This would mean that having taken over owring. M & M would be obliged to sell off i per cent of the broking interests in the me way that Frank B. Hall was obliged divest itself of three-quarters of Leslie & odwin. Thus even a successful takeover ove would leave M & M with United ingdom subsidiaries like Singer and Friednder, Bowmaker and a small shipping vision, but only 25 per cent of the division hich currently provides about two-thirds the profits.

At the same time just as Lloyd's is mortant to M & M so the reverse is true, ith the American leader supplying rough various United Kingdom firms essibly as much as a quarter of total annual emiums of £2,000m annually. Whatever e outcome of this move the pressure is ill on Lloyd's to come up with a solution the dilemma over foreign control which pears more satisfactory to its giant Amerin suppliers.

Vithout the overnment-

adually the Government has been with-awing from its involvement in ICL. First all there was an end to the loans, worth om (and still to be repaid—although on margins related formula which makes it ely that the day of retribution will never rive), for the development of the series of computer; then a term (1980) was set the preferential procurement policies actised by government department; and actised by government department; and w the reconstituted NEB has sold its 25 r cent stake in the company. So, the vernment can do very well without ICL. it can ICL do without the Government? In the short-term the answer is evidently s. The company's profits are on a strongly. ing trend; the end to preferential prorement, although potentially a threat to les (some 5 per cent of turnover is in-lved directly; may be as much as 18 per ot if local authorities and Government encies are included) is unlikely to have amatic immediate repercussions; and hough the sharp rise in the interest charge t year, and the absence of information on earch and development spending has ated a certain amount of speculation out cash requirements, it is plain enough it ICL can, if necessary, make do on ernal resources in the forseeable future. is over what happens thereafter, that the estions ought to arise.

The company itself points out first, that t £40m in loans notwithstanding some thirds to three quarters of the cost of eloping series 2900 was found internally; i second, that since developments now evolutionary rather than revolutionary, next bout of heavy development spendis maybe 20 years away.

iven good management ICL should not hampered with the sort of problems that empts to integrate English Electric com-ers and ICT created in the early 1970s. if the cash requirements are under conthere are still questions over the

At the moment ICL looks quite capable dealing with the opposition: but its
secretary oppositions are likely to be determined by policies laid down by the EEC. So doing without the Government is a relative matter.

SUMIT

Unquoted possibilities

The vogue for small companies is looking a little long in the tooth now and perhaps dangerous as the recession starts to bite. But it is still a tempting bandwagon to get on to if you can get the sums right.

The trick first is to find the funds (not necessarily difficult since the institutions became subject to moral pressure from successive governments and various committees like Wilson) and second to find the companies worth investing in. The latter is much more difficult as people like Equity Capital found out. found out.

But a new vehicle, SUMIT (Sharp Un-quoted Midland Investment Trust), may rave an advantage in that it is Birmingham based and well-versed in the ways of the West Midlands where of course a great untapped source of small companies still exists. SUMIT, the brainchild of brokers Albert E. Sharp, has collected an impressive list of eleven institutions as shareholders each of whom have committed between £250,000 and £750,000 to subscribe in a private placing of £1.04m each in a private placing of £1.04m equity and £4.16m 5 per cent preference stock (this to be drawn down over an anticipated three year period), £520,000 being available at the

SUMIT is looking for sound unquoted companies in which it would take a maximum stake of 40 per cent (though ideally more like 20 per cent) and where it can ger an initial yield of between 7 and 9 per tent rising to 15 per cent or more through. a participating preference capital formula. These preference shares could be converted into equity at any sime.

The snag now is to find those investments and to ensure that once made they continue to perform. A stake as small as 10-15 per cent should leave the proprieturs with sufficient incentive, but there will always be concern about losing even this amount of control, especially as SUMIT will insist quite reasonably on close monitoring.
It remains to be seen whether SUMIT can

come up with the West Midland investments that have so often eluded " foreigners " from London, but its argument could well be more persuasive if a buy-back clause was included, something which SUMIT is not prepared to do at this stage.

Waiting on Opec

Hopes that the world oil picture would clear in 1980 to make oil investment less of a hit and miss affair now appear to have been dashed by the events in the run-up to impering in Caracas, Last week'. initiative from the doves led by Saudi Arabia to take the sting out of the hawks' more strident price demands appears to have been neutralized by Libya's move to lever up the general price level by putting up its price to more than \$30 a barrel before the official two-day meeting got under way.

And it looks increasingly unlikely that there will be an early return to the unified pricing structure which would help prevent

the price leap-frogging of the past year.

The Department of Energy wasted no time yesterday in letting it be known that North Sea oil prices would follow Opec prices up sooner rather than later although there was little immediate follow through in North Sea companies with large producing

Current valuations for North Sea shares highly geared to the oil price-and by and large that means the smaller groups like Ultramar, Lasmo, Tricentrol although ICPs Ninian share is now starting to influence even its level of profits—appear to be fully

valued on current oil prices.
Plainly there are considerable doubts about the extent to which prices can go on rising in real terms in the face of the expected recession and the West's commitment to cut back oil imports.

Hugh Stephenson

The great high-wire banking act

In these last few weeks the world's monetary and banking system has been passing through its worst crisis since 1945.

In the years since the 1973-74 oil price explosion, the international bank-ing system has performed admirably the essential function of recycling the huge Opec surpluses to those countries that were in consequent balance of payments deficit. This task is likely to become again more burdensome after the Opec meeting at Caracas.

The root of the problem is that the financial war between Iran and the United States has sent a spasm through the banking system. The result of this spasm is an inevitable contraction of the system's capacity to perform the task it has undertaken in the last five years. The technical default on the Iranian borrowings, declared by the American banks led by the Chase Manhatten, has exposed the high-wire banking act for what it is, namely an act without much visible means of support.

Two episodes from recent history threw this present crisis into high relief. First, Turkey. When the four leaders of the western world met together at the Guadeloupe summit in January they concluded that Turkey could not be allowed to go bankrupt.

Turkey was a test case for the non-Communist world. It does not qualify as "Less Developed Country". It has a democratic government. It is key to the

southern flank of Nato. It must be (The idea that the pound should go

saved.
But most studies, including one commissioned from leading western mer-chant banks by the Turkish central bank, concluded that Turkey owed some \$14,000m to banks and required \$1-2,000m a year for the next five years to have any chance. Further, the sum should be committed in advance so that the Turkish Government could base rational medium-term planning upon it.

After Guadeloupe the Germans were given the lead, in view of their close commercial and banking interests in the order of Si5m from Britain, \$100m from the United States and effectively nothing from the French. The Japanese indicated that they were less than interested because they had not been invited to Guadeloupé. The conclusion is clear. The sums

involved in these financial problems are way beyond what any national government can take either in terms of its own budget or in terms of the willing-ness of its public opinion to shoulder massive aid burdens.

The second episode concerns the United Kingdom in the autumn of 1976. The initial International Monetary Fund position, when Mr Callaghan's government was faced with the great sterling crisis, was that there should be hig public spending cuts, accompanied by a substantial devaluation of sterling.

down to \$1.50 was closer to the surface than the IMF now like to admit). In return for this package, the IMF, it seems, would even have been prepared

to condone substantial import controls. The conclusion here is equally clear.
The IMF has a very narrow mandate. It is concerned with providing finance to bridge temporary balance of payments deficits and it does so on the basis of payments are the payments of the payments. austerity pacakages designed to remove the deficits within the short to medium

The number of democratic governments capable of imposing the 1976 austerity package and surviving without doing fundamental damage to the fabric of their societies can probably be of their societies can probably be counted on the fingers of two hands. It is symbolic that, when the IMF ream went on from London to Cairo, their prescription led to instant bread riots. It should be noted that the Turkish government of Mr Ecevit did not survive his negotiations with the JMF in 1978-79.

We are, however, not dealing with temporary payments deficits, but with long-term structural problems. Here the private banking system has the wrong terms of reference. It has to do the financing, because no one else can. But it has to pretend to itself that it is acting on the basis of hard-headed commercial reality.

Most of the debtor countries in the

world can only service their existing debts promptly if they can take up new borrowings promptly. And here lies the full significance of the present spasm.

Banks have no option but to roll over and re-phase existing loans. However, and re-phase existing loans.

bad the situation, they can only put a good face on it. But after the events of these weeks they will collectively be very chary about entering into large new commitments. Bankers do not like having to explain to their shareholders, why they are throwing more good loans

The general shape of the solution is obvious. The private banking system will need strengthening and support to carry on its function. Governments cannot perform it. The IMF has neither the resources nor the right manifest for the main job, however useful its ordinary function. Private banks have the right mechanisms, if they can be sup-

right mechanisms. It they can be sup-ported officially. Jointly or severally, governments and central banks will be forced to set up some guarantee or insurance facility, run on commercial lines, with which the private banks can lay off the heavy country risks which the system requires them to bear.

A supranational Export Credits
Guarantee Department might well serve
as an initial model. If something of this
kind is not done rapidly, the present spasm will rapidly turn into something altogether more serious.

How to keep the shop-floor in touch with reality

to go forth and epread the gospel, of what the Confederagospel, of what the Confederation of British Industry calls
"business realities" to employees, are growing a little
shrill. Having repeated the
thems continuously doring the
last month or so and sounding,
he says, a little like "a worn
out gramophone record", even
Sir John Methven, the CBI's
director general and one of the
most ferrent believers in the most fervent believers in the ides, is sterting to sound some-

This is not surprising in view of the bombardment of industrial indicators showing continuing poor productivity and soaring unit costs relative to those of our main competitor countries.

countries.

It was not until the CBI embarked on its business realities campaign last month that many business leaders recognized the size of the communications chasm which has opened up between management and workers.

As an example of just how wide that gap is, a recent survey has shown 50 per cent of workers believe that companies in general are earning good.

in general are earning good profits. The reality is that overall profitability is at a

The same research has shown that the majority of employees would have second thoughts about their pay claims would damage future growth and investment.

Second thoughts

The CBI launched its campaign to counter the ignorance implicit in the first of these opinion poll figures and build on the common sense in the

It has a hard job. What is quite clear is that a radical change in management as well es employee attitudes is needed. The sad truth is that most middle and junior managers do not know the true profitability [or otherwise] of their opera-

If employees think profits are three times as high as the true figure, another CBI survey discovered that managers often think profits are twice as high as they really are; and only six out of ten managers could ex-plain how profits are calculated and name the main Items that make up a profit and loss account

These are the people who are supposed to be providing a direct link with the shop-floor.

a rangle. The minimum drill set down in the CBI's checklist of pracin the CBI's checklist of prac-rical steps for explaining bush-ness realities to people at work, starts with the chief executive. He is asked to give a formal explanation of the company's performances and prospects at least twice a year, and prefer-ably more often, to all

managers.

But he can only do this if he understands what the performance and prospects are. He will, in addition, have to display a frankness which is by no means universal and which in the percent dismal economic the present dismal economic conditions may be thought to have undesirable repercussions on shareholders and sources of

Returns

His understanding, of course, will be affected by the account-ing procedures of his company and most companies are still wholly wedded to the historic cost method. Traditional methods show that British Companies appear to be giving a return on investment of 15

But real profits, taking into account the true cost of reequipment and such things as restocking raw materials, amount to less than 3 per cent -the lowest figure ever

to hand, the most willing of managements may fall at the last hurdle as they attempt to get the facts to the men on negotiating machinery built up probably over a very long period, it would simply be unthinkable for management to discuss the implications of pay claim face-to-face with the men on the shop floor. Despite the difficulties, radical action is needed. But given

the scale of the problem, It would be wrong to expect quick results. The danger is of giving

Patricia Tisdall

No respite for the shipbuilders

British Shipbuilders set a precedent for itself venterday by publishing for the first time in its short life a half-year financial statement. In contrast with the voluminous half-year statement of the loss-making British Steel Corporation the shipbuilders' 54-word long statement is a masterpiece of brevity.

The shipbuilding organization restricted itself to stating simply that the trading loss for the first six months of the year had amounted to £53m and said that it "believes" that the trading loss for the full will be within the financial limit set by Sir Keith Joseph in the summer. This will involve keep-ing losses down to a level of £100m after raking account of assistance from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund which is used to provide a subsidy to narrow the gap between British prices and those of overseas competitors.

In its first mine months of existence, BS recorded a loss of £108m and last year, its first full finantial year, the loss was £49.5m although that figure excluded £12m in respect of restructuring costs which fell outside the scope of the Governmentser loss limit. ment-ser loss fimit.

policies are being changed so that the loss in 1980-81 will have to be kept to 190m before three lean years ahead.

money from the intervention The Government is a

recorded.

If these global statistics are broken down to individual company and plant level, the true picture may be more frightening than the proprietors care to contemplate let alone pass on to the world in a general or their own workers in particular.

In the Government has set a limit of £55m of intervention fund in for next year (against £65m will be forced to reduce its trading loss to only £35m if ell of next year's intervention fund money is to be used.

The storm cones have already been hoisted. Mr Philip Hares, managing director of finance at BS said recently: "Strenuous the shopfloor. For in many efforts will have to be made by heavily unionized plants with all concerned to achieve our

State owned **British Shipbuilders** yesterday announced a trading loss of £53m for the first six months of the year.

targets. As far as cash is concerned we are in serious danger of not being able to live within the limits set by Government ". BS is operating with a cash limit of £250m for the current financial year but the corporation is already in danger of over-spending and action has had to be taken to cut expenditure. Sir Keith Joseph has con-

Peter Hill reports

sistently made it clear that he considers that the tax-payer is not prepared to continue funding unprofitable enterprises and that philosophy applies as much to BS as it does to British Steel.
About half of this year's £65m of intervention fund aid has already been committed on the nutside the scope of the Governnent-set loss limit.

Next year the accounting ships. This is the base-loan required to keep the merchant yards going through the two The Government is still cam-

mitted to disposing certain of the BS assets to the private sector—"at the appropriate time". That remains some way off and will almost certainly encompass only the naval yards. The merchant yards—with some exceptions— tace a short-term future of almost unrelieved gloom. The reduction in the indus-

try's workforce since nation-alization two-and-a-half years ago has involved the loss of about 10,000 jobs. More jobs are due to go in the new year

and the fallier to attract a minimum voice of orders will mean still bove reductions in The prospect of a national steel strike hus already sent

steel strike hus already sent shipyard purchasing managers scurrying in search of alternative supplies and the strike, if it occurs, will certainly blow ES off its financial course. Like British Steel the shipbuilding organization cannot afford a cost-of-living pay increase for its 77,000 workers and executives will be appealing for common sense to prevail among the shipyard unions. the shipyard unions.

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Improved efficiency and productivity are now absolutely vital to BS if it is to get through its difficulties. But there are other ways in which costs could be cut. The continued existence of two prestige headquarter blocks, one in Knightsbridge, London, and the other at Newcastle upon Tyne, is something which Sir Keith and his officials may start to question.

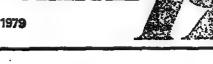
BS has consistently argued that it is necessary to maintain two headquarters despite the duplication of office services and the not inconsiderable costs involved in executives commut-ing week by week between London and the North-east.

The other factor which 35 has to weigh is the state of world shipbuilding market prices. Costs of building in Britain are about 30 per cent higher than elsewhere but the corportion is only able to sub-sidize to the tune of 25 per cent of the cost of ships ordered in the United Kingdom.

Much of the delay involved Much of the delay involved in securing the much needed orders for Govan Shipbuilders on Clydeside last week warcaused by the BS request for the EEC Commission to approve a level of subsidy of hetween 25 to 30 per cent. The Commission, which is anxious to secure a progressive reduction in state aid to shipbuilding, is taking a hard line on aid beyond agreed levels. It can be expected to get even tougher. expected to get even tougher.

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Turnover Trading Profit	1979 £000 254,893	1978 <u>£000</u> 226,930
Iron and steel Construction (associated companies £2,934,000,1976-£3,177,000) Engineering Motor vehicle distribution Industrial services	4,283 7,092 1,663 2,990 1,572	2,760 7,160 1,280 2,295 1,321
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Profit before taxation	15,090	11,831
Earnings	12,076	8,948
Dividends (paid and proposed)	3,234	2,456
Profit retained Fully diluted earnings per share Dividends per ordinary share	8,856 21·0p 8·9p	6,631 15-8p 7-1p

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Business Diary: Korans, coypus and Cambridge

nbridge of the publishers licensed print the Bible, so they're arly on to a good thing. But P, up to date in many ways, is not print the Koran,

'I dont think the question a ever come up", Andrew wn, CUP's Islamic editor i me. "The world would m to be rather well off with sies of the Koran already ". vevertheless, the tide of airs in the Middle East has shed to advantage against P's doors. Says Brown: "I'nk it probably true that the pression which scholarly publicions have experienced in the deservation." d-seventies, certainly in the manities, has not been rected in Islamic publica-

More and more students, s Brown, are enrolling in amic studies classes up and wn country whether as a wn country whether as CUP is beavering away at this orket, having been lucky ough to have published in 70 Lampton, Lewis and Holt's two-volume Cambridge His-y of Islam, since 1976 availle as four paperbacks.

CUP apparently received ne cash from the Shah's. sime towards the capital cost the big six-volume Cam-idge History of Iran which gan to appear 10 years ago. Contrary to academic tradisher's The Land of Iran-was e first to appear. Haware ings soon sertled down. " d Voi 1

Limitations on public spending nbridge University Press is are having an effect, peculiar to the jens, of sparking off a Coypu (illustrated right) baby boom. The Great Ouse Land Drainage Committee, which meets in Cambridge, has been told there will be no extra Min of Ag cash to help put down the litle blighters who are said to do about 12m worth of damage a year to river

> • One Fellow of whom young relatives might entertain legiti-mate liopes this Christmas is Richard Newton, the bursar of Trinity Hall.

Newton has just attended his first board meeting as a non-executive director of the toy maker Berwick Timpo. The in-vitation was at the suggestion. of Hill Samuel, adviser to Berwick as it was once to the tex-tiles company Bury & Masco.

Until three years ago, when Bury & Masco was taken over by Scapa Group, Newton was Bury's chief executive, Trinity Hall thereupon took over Newton, and he has been running the college's finances and directing its investments ever

.He told me: "I don't have any teaching duties. I am in touch with the undergraduates if they get into some sort of financial problem.

read classics at St John's, came Trinity he was head-hunted a directorship of dry-

Not long after Newton, who Sketchley, a job he



Sir John Stewart-Clark is a Balliol man and it therefore took something of an effort to reconcile himself to Cambridge. Until 1974 he was more familiar with Cambridge, Mas-

sachusetts, than Cambridge, England, having done a spell at the Harvard Business School. Nevertheless, in that year he became managing director of the electronics company. Pye of Cambridge. He held this post until he was selected for (not unexpectedly for a lifelong Tory) and won his home con-stituency of East Sussex in

this year's Euro-elections. He told me: "The trouble with being in business and in Cambridge is that business takes up so much of your time that you have to make a special effort or you don't get the best out of being there at all." He had vowed to have a political as well as a business career, and with the Euro-elec-tions looming, knew that he might not be in Cambridge for-

on lists, weather-forecaster with A. T. computers and in getting them.

"If them. Kearney, working."

tem with the help of Margaret Gowing, Professor of the History of Science at Oxford, Paul Osmond, Secretary to the Church Commissioners, and the committee's secretary, Graham Aylen, of the Department of Education and Science.

Their job has been to see how well the system established a quarter of a century ago by the Grigg Committee has been working. Since then the Public Record Office and departmental records officers within government have selected and preserved such records as might assist historians in the future.

not asked to appraise the need for the 30-year rule on the release of state papers, and has been further circumscribed in its recommendations by a poli- I tried hard, but fruitlessly, tical atmosphere that rules out wheezes involving more nublic spending.

very great increase in the number of records, and with the possibilities of machine readable data ", he says.

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Master of Corpus Christi, tells me that the Committee of Enquiry into Public Records that he chairs is to report in the new year.

He has been burrowing away for the last two years at a review of the public records system with the help of Margaret Gowing. Professor of the Hisnumber of other European points, will depart and arrive. Unfortunately for the peripa-

Unfortunately for the peripatetic executive, work on this 18m project has stopped and will remain stopped for anything up to six months, while the BAA moves into its next financial year. "Reductions in the capital programme to comply with government cash limitations", is the official reason. Put simply, the authority has run out of building cash; and,

as present rules prevent it laying its corporate hands on any of the money it has in-Sir Duncao's committee was vested outside, it has had to send the builders home for the time being.

during my stry in Cambridge to hear the Great Hum, the sound that has bothered the locals for We are concerned at the as much as 11 years. My researches, unfortunately, were blotted out hy the tinkling of ice cubes and the chink of glasses in that convivial place.
I think it is a hit much, though

Ross Davies

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Investors shy away so equities drift lower

end comment kept investors away. Shares tended to drift lower although no sizeable sell-ing was encountered. Hopes that buyers would materialize after lunch to take advantage of the lower prices soon faded and the FT, Index closed arise lowest point of the day 7.7 down at 423.3.

Not all companies and their shares have fallen on hard times. Despite a small yield, Aeronautical & General Instru-Aeronautical & General Instru-ments are at a 1978-79 high of 205p. The appeal is the group's niche in electronic pay phones and the potential market at the Post Office, still struggling to catch up with our telephone bills. Interim profits rose from £133,000 to £213,000 and for the pear ground and for the year around E465,000 against £338,000 seems quite possible.

a reasonable amount of turn-over. After a firm start, longs finished the day with falls at about £4 while shorts showed falls of about £4 to £4. The Government broker reported further interest in the tap Treasury 14 per cant 1998/2001 pr £673. ar £603.

Little activity was reported among leading industrials as jobbers spent most of the day lower. Even marking prices lower. Even Imperial Group shed ip to 77 ip after its shareholders decision

Gilt edged were less active of late although dealers reported a reasonable amount of ruru-

new " slipped 3p to 5p.....

Fears that a fall in MLR may yet be some way off sent property shares easier. Land Securities fell 12p to 262p and Haammerson "A" retreated 5p on 690p. MEPC, reporting today, resisted the trend, holding firm at 169p, while favourable figures from County & District Properties was good for a 4p rise to 102p. :

Shares of C. T. Bowring were temporarily suspended at 10% following the merger approach from Marsh & McLennon, while Minet Holdings jumped 5p to 102p after news that Corroon & Black of New York, had further extended its stake to over 6.6m

Elsewhere in the insurance

sector. Commercial Union dipped 3p to 139p and falls of 4p were noted in GRE at 228p and General Accident at 216p. sand General Accident at 216p.
Shares of Crown House slipped ip to 601p after its interior statement and has not yet ruled out a hid for Denbyware for which it acquired a near 30 per cent stake earlier this year. However, a hid is not expected before the new year.

An agreed bid worth £4.18m from British Vita, 4p down at 129p, saw Vita-Tex, returning from suspension, leap 47p to 116p. News that the NEB had placed its 25 per cent of ICL in the market at 455 5/16p saw the shares dip 8p to 470p, while Ferranti, another company in which the NEB has a steable stake, rose 13p to which the NEB has a are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are size, rose 13p to pre-tax and earnings are net. a, gross; b; 10 months; c, loss.

A pessimistic report from the CBI combined with nervous oness ahead of the OPEC price United Stares-based Roward wanted in a thin market, rising conference in Caracia Johnson. ICI dipped 7p to swiffly per an end to Friday's Johnson at 252p, michael Glaro at Dealer's had anticipated at 252p, michael Glaro at 252p, michae flection of Compair's figures' st week saw a 5p surge to

last week saw a 50 surge to 671p.

Among companies reporting, Dom Boldings lifted 4p to 96 and Norcros was a penny firmer at 711p after favourable trading statements. Siebe Gorman was 2p better at 150p and T. W. Ward, up 11p at 80p, while A. Cohen, Ethipping in with more than trebled profits, improved 2p to 263p. proved 2p to 263p.

Payourable press comment was good for Sirdar, 3p up at 127p. Pleasurama, 14p stronger at 130p and Gomme Holdings, 1p firmer at 48p.

The nervousness surrounding OPEC talks in Venezuala

buretter, at 77p, are again look. Lloyds at 30sp.
ing interesting. With French Gold shares
components maker Matra taking quiet and the
a controlling interest in Zernth Index dipped parent company Soles, there is some speculation that Zenith could become the subject of a full bid from Matra. One day bid gostip could come true.

Elsewhere, press comment pro- Allied Breweries:

Gold shares were mainly quiet and the Gold Mines. Index dipped 0.7 to 265.7. Among the London financials. Among the London thanklais RTZ continued to gain ground on the strength of the Argyle report advancing 8p to 322p while "Tanks" improved 6p to

Imperial Continental Gas 2p to 610p and London Merchant Securities 3p to 122p. Only National Carbonising with some disappointing figures went tronics, ICI, BP new Shell, against the trend dipping 7p to 121p, while Attock also reporting finished unchanged at 162p.

Elsewhere press convents no.

Latest results

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	Crown House (1)	64 0/40 75			2.25(2.0)	22/2 -(4.5)	
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÷.	Martin News (F)				5.23(4.5)	4/2 8.5(7.37	
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•	NB Steel Grp (F)	9.0(9.9)	0.007(1.0)		1.36(1.36)		
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND REARING IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

DELAWARE TREET COMPANY (as Successor Treates Under the Mortgage and Deed of Tre
Dated as of February 1, 1933, by Shanghai Power Company), and Andodrati
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TO: ALL PRESENT HOLDERS OF UNSTAMPED SHE FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES SERIES DUE 1973 OF SHANGHAI POWER COMPANY AND SELVER PREFERRED STOCK, SOMETIMES ENOWN AS 6 TABLETOCK, OF SHANGHAI POWER COMPANY:

You were notified on or about April 14, 1972 of the pendency of this case. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that a bodiests S. A. Judah ("Judah") on behalf of the class of holders of Silver Preferred Stock sometimes known as 6 Tacl Sto FOR WHEN DECEMBER 200 OF THE CAREFULLY. IF YOU QUALIFY AS A MEMBER OF THE CLASS DESCRIPED ABOVE OR ARE A HOLDER OF THE PRESENTANT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE

UNSTANTED DESCRIBED ABOVE AND FILE A STATEMENT OF CLAIM IN THE MANNER SET FORTH SELOW, YOU MAY RECOVER MONEY.

L SETTLEMENT HEARING

1. By Onder or Grover C. Brown, Vice Chancellor of the Court of Chancely for the State of Delevers in and for New Caste Codery (the "Court"), entered per Rule 23(a) of the Delevers Chancery, Court Rules, a hearing will be held on February 15, 1990 at 1500 A.M. in the Court of Chancery, Enther Selfding, Wilnington, a upon an application by constal for plaintiff SPC and counsel for defindants. Rules and the holders of the States (the "Class") and the Treese for approval by the O proposed Selputation and Agreement of Controvaine and Sentensent ("Agreement") in the above untried action. The Court has reserved the right to adjourn the hearing without further notice to the Class and to appeare the Sentiment with such modification as the parties may a

2. Any person elejaming to be a member of the Class und/or any person claiming to hold anytamped Debestures may appear at said bearing in person or by duly sutherine increase and show came why the Agreement should not be approved as fair, responsible and adequate and why judgment should not be entered assembling the complaint of the Class and camerling the 220,000 Shorter, and elemanting the constructation of the Class and camerling the 220,000 Shorter, and elemanting the constructation of the Trustee and camerling the anticomplete Debesturies, provided prover, that no much person skell be heart and no briefs to other paints and he resulted or considered by the Court camers in the Camer in its discretion into other relies or other the fact.

Richard C. Allison, Esq. Reid & Priest 40 WAI Street New York, New York 10005 R. Franklin Balotti, Esq.

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3. The holders of unstanged Debenmen will be represented at the hearing by the Trustee.

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This, each participating Class member's show of the Stock Fund will be determined by the following formulae

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leaves News Corporation temporarily News Corporation chairman,
Mr Rupert Murdoch and two
other directors have resigned;
from the board temporarily to
meet the requirements of
Australia's Broadcasting and
Television Area recogning to

Mr Murdoch

Television Acts, according to a News Corporation statement. The three will rejoin the board when News Ltd and Transport Industries themselves of com-television stations in Brisbanc. Adelaide and Brisbanc. Approval for the sales is being sought by the companies from the Australian Breadcasting Tribunal. News Ltd now has approxi-

mately 50 per cent of Assert, and Mr. Murdoch will become chief executive of the transport company soon. The sale of the television companies is necessary to avoid contravention of of more than one such station.

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Cons Gold strategy

A new international develop. ment strategy is carefully being mapped by Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining and industriel givet. - - '-

Last week Mr Rudolph Agnew, the company's chief executive, told the Society of Investment Analysts in Loudon: "A decade or more ago we adopted two strategic printiciples. The first was to shus mining in the lesser developed in countries. The second was to a. accord low priority to base metal mining. I believe bothprinciples have served us well in but both now merit re-

developing countries were now is less hostile to external invest-in-ment. He said: "I foresee in increasing opportunity for selective investment outside our

CSR-Thiess

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company's board.

Although CSR did nor name;
the members, Thiess issued a
statement saying the four constatement saying the four con-cerned are chairman. Sir Les-lie Disess, two of his brothers i and one other director. CSB-says it is calling for the meet-ing to approve their removal ing the face of continuing refusally to agree to a restructuring of it the board to reflect CSR's holds ing. ing;

Options

Racal Electronics made an mempressive start on its debuc in the traded options market, yesterday as unfavourable, yesterday as unfavourable, weekend comment had the effect of keeping investors away. Of the 513 total contracts completed, Racal contributed. only 19 and dealers reported; that the market had been open. over an hour before the first contract in Racal had been completed

Activity among traditional options was at a higher level than of late, with interest being, shown in Lonkro, Ladbroke-Warrants and National Carbon isine.

Puts were arranged in several of the gold shares, while's doubles featured Town City First Nat. Fin. Cons. Gold : Bridge Oil, Decca "A", Lonhro and Premier Oil.

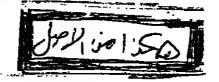
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a difficult year which tribution from iron and seel tribution from 12.7m to 14.2m.

Following the relaxation of the rules prohibiting the export of scrap metal, Ward has a particularly to Spain.

The reorganization of the engineering division, which involved the sale and close down

1.8m on turnover up of the loss-making subsidiaries. 1.8m on turnover up m to £283m.

L the improvement is e to the rise in el prices. Volume was unchanged and prices fell back in I half they remained

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of the loss making subsidiaries, has helped it improve despite the strike.

A strong demand for cars has boosted profits of the motor distribution division though the previous comparable period was depressed by the Ford strike. The shares, up 14p to sup Borrowings over the past rew terday, yield 11 per cent.

Nat Carbonising's plan

smokeless fuel, mining and investment group, has seen pre-tax losses in the first half to September 30 rise by £51,000 to £206,000, But Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey, the 31-year-old evangelist who became chairman of the troubled company in August, has ambinious plans. Since the accounts were drawn he has concluded or is close to concluding agreements to realize £45,000 from the sale of the loss-making engineering company AOT Flowmeters, and £150,000 from selling mining

interests in Cumbria.

This eliminates two of National Carbonising's main losers. The deficit on mineral mining and exploration in the first half was £104,000 while that on engineering was £82,000. There is also the possibility of further gains from disposing of properties associated with the engineering side. NCC Commercial Vehicles was sold in November for £1.79m.

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These disposals, which Mr N BRITISH STEEL Pre-tax profits of the steel founders and engineering group North British Steel plummeted to \$7,000 from £1m for the year to \$2000 from £1m for the year to \$2000 from £1m for the year to \$2000 from £1000 from

EAST AFRICA HIGH COMMIS-Listings of East Africa High Commission (Railways and Har-bours) 57 per cent stock, 1977-83 and Posts and Telecommunica-tions, 57 per cent stock, 1977-83, temporarily suspended, pending an announcement.

WINSTON ESTATES

Eagle Star Insurance now holds
1.06m shares (18.11 per cent) in
Winston Estates: Trevor 5. Passmore and family interests hold
\$97,000 (10.12 per cant): Priestgate Trust holds 436,500 shares
(7.4 per cent).

TOM HILL HOLDINGS TOM HILL HOLDINGS

Pre-tax profits for 10 months to October 31, 531,000, against 5532 for 12 months. No tax (same). Company has completed takeover of Free-Sny (In Britain) and its offshoot. Tom Hill Holidays, for £300,000 in 2.5 million shares. Board hopes it will not be long before company returns to dividend list.

E. J. RILEY

Confidence that E. J. Riley, the snooker and furniture group, will continue to produce "favourable results" despite generally difficult conditions is expressed by the chairman, Mr Alan R. Deal, in his annual report. GUINNESS PEAT GROUP
Company has purchased Ronal
Ottey and Partners, marine bulk
insurance brokers, for £618,000.
A further sum based on the
adjusted profits of the group's UK
marine broking business will be
paid. A. R. SUGDEN

Mr lau Partington, FCA, a part-ner in chartered accountants Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., has been appointed receiver and manu-

which earned \$\frac{-f110,000}{2}\$ in the first half year; a Cumbrian tungsten mine, Carrock Fell. dustrial sector into energy. They represent 100p and 80p respectively of National Carsomely.

Mr Ferguson Lacey denies any intention of selling either Carrock Fell or Rexco. Geo-

Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey chairman of National Carbonisat the mine and could indicate higher grade tungsten ore than has hitherto been found. He sees a strong future for smokeless fuel, as coal use increases, and for Rexco's byproducts. Nevertheless, the shares fell 7p to 121p yesterday.

Ferguson Lacey describes as "cleaning up the company", leave National Carbonising with four main assets: the original smokeless fuel company, Rexco,

Briefly

in these days of high interest rates it is some comfort to know that what little profit is available is not being eaten up by heavy servicing of debt. ger of A. R. Sugden & Co (Engineers), manufacturers of hi-fi equipment. The company has factories at Brighouse and Helm-sley (Yorkshire). TRICENTROL JAMES GRANT (EAST)
Profits for nine months to October 31, £546,000 (against 5603.000)

TRICENTROL

Tricentrol travel group—part of Tricentrol Industrial Corporation subsidiary—has acquired coach business of G. Howlett and Son (Duorn) and its subsidiary, L. Pole and Son. This increases Tricentrol's overall fleet of coaches from 75 to 95 and brings total fleet arrength in the East Midlands area to 45 coaches. ARLEN ELECTRICAL Arien has made further allot-ment of 500,000 ordinary shares in payment for Electronic and Fluorescent Accessories.

after deferred service charges, but

currently losing money; a 6.8 per cent stake in London

Scottish and Marine Oil; and about 6 per cent in a Bermuda-based company, Weeks Petro-

The last two are the basis of Mr Ferguson Lacey's plans for switching out of the in-

bomising's ner assets value of about 183p a share. If either were to be the object of a bid, National could cash in hand-

logical proving is in progress

BROWN & JACKSON
Brown and Jackson has bought
75 per cent of Gottfried and Paul
and Son, subject to vendors
obtaining clearance from Inland
Revenue. Price: 4766,000.

Revenue. Price: £756,000.

NORTHERN FOODS

N. M. Rothschild & Sons announces that the shareholders of Bluebird Incorporated have approved the proposed acquisition of Bluebird by Northern Foods at a meeting held in Philadelphia on December 14, 1979. The extraordinary meeting of Northern to approve the acquisition of Bluebird will be held on December 20.

VOLUNTEER NEB INVESTS IN DOYCE

The National Enterprise Board has made an investment in Doyce Electronics of Fakenham, Norfolk, which designs and manufactures a range of digital electronic test equipment for petrol and diesel engines. The initial investment of £80,000 will give the NEB 25 per cent of the enlarged ordinary capital and 100 per cent of the preference. A further £35,667 is carmarked for investment in 1980 in the form of additional preference thares.

December 20.

VOLUNTEER

With effect from December 31
1979, Volunteer Holdings will
change its name to Charterhouse
Japhet Cradit. The trading companies within Volunteer. Volunteer
Finance, Volunteer Credit and
County Credit Finance, will
become Charterhouse Japhet
Finance. Volunteer Leasing will
change its name to Charterhouse
Japhet Leasing. DUPLE INTERNATIONAL

Chairman reports in his annual statement that the board expects a further increase in profit in 1979-80.



Annual General Meeting

ERIC SOSNOW REPORTS...

INCREASED PROFITS Group trading profits £3,382,000 (from £2,571,000) -a 20% increase.

INCREASED DIVIDENDS

The total net dividend for the year amounts to 1.937p per share including a special dividend of 0.537p-two and a half times last year's.

INCREASED BONUS

To reflect the continuing strength of the Group the Directors recommended this year a further bonus issue of one for seven Ordinary shares.

OUTLOOK

"Judging by the management reports for the first four months and by the value of the order book I am confident that subject to unforeseen circumstances we shall have another successful year"



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ywood Williams' 38 pc advance

materials supplier ind restaurants group Villiams managed a 38 ise in pre-tax profits
If year to October 31
, problems caused by

glas Oliphant, chair-

er's engineering dis-

£12.96m. ird is recommending dividend of 3p gross, gainst 1.5p last time, icaring a final of 4p year's dividend to

Heywood Williams now holds 90 per cent of FPA's issued shares and it is making formal mine the group but he estimates application to acquire the outstanding shares. As the half-year ended in October the interim figures include no content of the managements and lovel managements and lovel managements and lovel managements. tribution from FPA

Mr Oliphant says that these will come through in the second the interim pre-tax half year but warns share£514.000 compared bolders that the period is not
2,000. These profits the best time of the year for
m a 22 per cent imin turnover, up from housebuilding and boat hiring.

Mr Oliphant reports that all -divisions performed well during the six months with the aluminium extrusion and glass

In the past financial year the group generated a cash inflow of some 16m. The board is coufident that 1980 profits will again rise and market estimates centre around £16.5m.

For shareholders there is a rise in the year's dividend of a third to 8.8p, covered 2.6 times. The shares, up 14p to 80p yes-

restaurants and hotel manage-ment, had a disappointing time, mainly due to the American oil crisis earlier. But Mr Oliphant reports an improvement and the division is looking forward to a good Christmas.

The medium-term outlook is good, Mr Oliphant predicts, and Heywood Williams is expected to turn in pre-tax profits in the order of £1.5m at the end of the current year, although the chairmanufacturing divisions experi-encing particularly buoyant provement on last year's markets.

H B Jackson manages rise of 23pc

profits moved up 23m to £275m, but extra £272,000 from the sale of quoted ts. Last year's share bipped in £499,000 to. tex profits taking the to 52,779m. ter performance is on

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r-based from and steel J. & H. B. Jackson, had turned in sales of £13.4m and pre-tax profits of £1.52m in the face of the hauliers' strike and the Ford dispute. The second six mouths are always weaker, the group says, thanks to £275m, but to holders, but this time the period was made more difficult

Per Share Asset Value including 100%

62.6p 78.9p 87.3p 86.8p

Per Share Per Share Currency Earnings Dividend Premium

period was made more difficult by the engineers' dispute. Mr Philip White, chairman, esti-mates that the dispute cost Jacksons around £300,000 of

EBORDER & SOUTHERN

CKHOLDERS TRUST

gers-JOHN GOVETT & CO. LTD.

Total Net Resources £89,068,843

i from Mr. C. Alan McLintock's review

net asset value was scarcely changed over a year in parkets fluctuated substantially. In London, the All-

naricus 11.6 per cent and its equivalent on Wall rose 6.6 per cent in dollar terms. However, 1978/79 ear for British investors to stay in their own market, he pound appreciated from \$1.97 to \$2.19 and the cent currency premium fell from 40 per cent to 15 per the American index is adjusted for currency and in its hours a fell of 216 per cent

m, it shows a fall of 21.6 per cent.
rust enjoyed a substantial increase in revenue, whilst

s per share have risen by nearly 31 per cent. This is part, due to exceptional increases in U.K. ds resulting from the ending of dividend restraint earnings of 2.39p, the Board recommend total ds of 2.20p, compared with 1.70p last year. An onel dividend of 0.35p, payable as a special interim a year to 30th September, 1980, has also been

commitment to manufacturing industry and to us in the U.K. has been reduced and we have built energy sector of our portfolio world-wide; but by in North America where most apportunities. We retain our faith in Japan and the Pacific area.

ognize that the short-term outlook there also is poor.

opose gradually to build up our overseas investments far as this is consistent with the continuing rise in and dividends, which we believe remains of

The Eleco

Group

Construction

and Engineering

Year ended 30th June, 1979.

★ Dividends up by 50%.

more settled."

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Frank Webster, for

Turnover up by 34% to £16.7m.

Pre-tax Profits up by 49.5% to a new record of £1.66m.

* "The Group is well equipped to

when the situation becomes

Copies of the Report and Accounts for the year ended June 1979 are available from the Secretary. --ELECO HOLDINGS LIMITED

will be in a commanding

face short term pressures and

position in its specialised fields

unt concern to shareholders.

/ear summary of results

The engineering strike caused a backing of orders and high stocks which are reflected in a

much lower tax charge of only £482,000 against £817,000. But the stocks have contributed to

a good start to the current half year, the chairman says. Jackson's forging division did well during the year and it is expected to improve over the next two or three years as a result of solid orders from the aerospace industry. Against this the engineering was down by around 10 per cent, a symptom the summer dispute.

The chairman states that the current year has started off buoyantly.

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Martin the Newsagent at £3.3m

By Rosemary Unsworth Martin the Newsagent has the £4m mark which the mar-kef expected.

Turnover rose by 12 per cent

to £85.8m, while pre-tax profits gained 6 per cent to £3.36m in the year to September 30, 1979. With the sale of its uneconomic branches continuing

-36 have been sold or closed
this year—the group is planming to buy some established
stores, fit out 12 new sites and

redevelop six existing branches. Martin now has nearly 500 shops, compared with NSS's 400.

Mr J. B. H. Martin, cheirman, said that total sales for the ten weeks to December 9, 1979, showed a 13 per cent increase over the same period last year.

last year.

The group has also sold its former head office and warehouse in London for £640,000 in the current year.

The second quarter of the year had been "very frustrating" for the group because of newspaper strikes and the transport dispute although a good Christmas helped to offset some of the problems.

A final dividend of 7.48p gross is proposed, compared gross is proposed, compared with 6.76n last year, making a total of 12.1p, against 11.3p.

Disputes cost Lucas £20m in profits

The Engineering dispute earlier this year will cost one of Britain's biggest manufacturing groups, Lucas Industries, £20m in profits in the current financial year, according to the chairman, Sir Bernard Scott.

At the annual meeting, he expressed concern at the expressed concern at the pattern of disruption which had pattern of disruption which had hir the engineering industry in recent years. The trade unions, he said, risked being identified as a regressive, rather than a progressive, force in British industry.

Problems of maintaining uninterrupted production, to-gether with the continuing weak-ness of the United Kingdom market, cast something of a shadow over the company's satisfaction at seeing its sales exceed £1bn for the first time, Sir. Bernard said. Pre-tax profit for the past year was £70.74m.

While Lucas's overseas sales continued to expand, having tripled in the pest five years, a strong United Kingdom sales and volume base remained vital to the company's competitive-ness, he said. For the third year running the affairs of our company have been disrupted in the most major way by fac-tors that in large measure have been outside the control of the company and most of its mem-

"In 1977 we had the tool-"In 1977 we had the tool-makers" strike which was con-cerned with the principle of maintaining the national wages policy. Last year we had the long Ford strike and much dis-ruption at BL, followed by the hauliers' damaging dispute in January " said Sir Bernard.

* Burton made an outstanding comeback after exmarket leadership and increasing the chain's scope for further success.

in the coming year.

30% in the womenswear divisions with Top Shop making a major contribution.

wear market.

products area resulted in good progress for these shops.

of quality continued to improve at all factories.

£5 per share.

profit sharing allocation.

Board recommendations at the Annual General Meeting will include enfranchisement, a one-for-one capitalisation issue and a final dividend of 7p per share (10p for year).

LEEDS & DISTRICT DYERS
Chairman says to his annual statement that trading at the moment is extremely difficult. Liquid resources are adequate and

For the Burton Group in 1979 All sectors of the Burton Group contributed record profits to the 1979 results making the Group's jubilee year a real cause for celebration with profit before tax totalling £17.5m, more

than two and a half times last year's figure. tensive modernisation and reorganisation, regaining * Top Man, a new addition to the Group, was highly profitable and will be expanded by 25%

* Both sales and profits increased by almost

* The acquisition of Dorothy Perkins accelerated the drive into the womens-

* Ryman's move into the home

* Productivity and the level

* Over 4,000 employees benefit from first ever

* Property assets are now valued at Please tell me more about your successful year

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Sir Oliver Chesterton highlights

"the influence on our business of high and rising levels of interest rates."

Addressing shareholders at the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, the Chairman, Sir Oliver Chesterton, MC, FRICS. highlighted the dilemma faced by the Society in times when Minimum Lending Rate is used as the main tool of monetary policy. "On the one hand, we cannot chase rates up, bearing in mind the effect of a substantial increase on our existing borrowers." he said. "On the other hand, we need to offer a reasonable and competitive rate to investors, to try and ensure an adequate flow of funds for new mortgages." He reminded shareholders that MLR had changed five times in the past year, whereas the Society altered its own rate structure upwards - only twice. "Obviously, therefore, our investment rates, though generally competitive, were not at all times the best available."

"The increase in investors balances at almost £315m was £20m up on 1978, and 312,000 new investment accounts were opened with the Society."

The introduction of three new classes of term shares made a significant contribution to the flow of receipts. The net flow of savings, together with capital repaid on mortgages of almost £200m, enabled the Society to lend £490m to home buyers. This was £8m more than last year, although the number of loans, 39,000, was 6,600 less, a direct result of the substantial increase in house prices over the year. Assets increased by £343m, and membership of the Society by no less than 182,000 people.

"We cannot isolate our business from the predicament of the economy generally."

That predicament is extremely tense and unhappy, observed Sir Oliver. "In order just to keep up in the home loans field in today's circumstances. we require a considerable increase in investment receipts, which must be gained against the competition not just of other institutions, not least the Government, but also against rising prices and living costs. We have to keep attracting more investments even to maintain, let alone increase, our number of mortgage advances." From the first of next month, he pointed out, borrowers will be charged the highest rate in the Society's history -15%, whilst investing members will receive the highest rate of interest ever paid. The share account rate, for example, is broadly competitive with the Clearing Banks and National Savings, and Sir Oliver expressed the hope that it will continue to be competitive for some time yet.

"We shall continue to keep our range of investment facilities under review so that the terms we offer are relevant and attractive."

"Forecasting is difficult at the best of times," said Sir Oliver, "particularly in these extremely uncertain times." He could not see the situation regarding the supply of mortgage finance improving in the short term. "It begins to look as though the year will be a hard one, but I believe

our policies will enable us to come through it with credit, given the continued support of our staff and

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electrical division provides recovery

- Electrical Division surges ahead to provide more than 50% of Group profits.
- Bearings perform creditably, in difficult conditions.
- Fasteners recover, with a record year for sales and profits.
- Overseas sales approximately one third of total.
- A good year for overseas subsidiaries.
- Current trading conditions firm with a strong order book; prepared to meet difficulties as they arise.

Salient Figures

52 weeks to September 28, 1979 1978

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Sales	98,417	88,388		
Profit before tax Profit available for	5,268	3,801		
Ordinary Dividends	3,856	1,873		
Dividends per share	4.90p	4.29p		
Famings per share	13.30	6 Qn		

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Competition slowing up Crown House

Crown House saw profits growth slip in the first half year thanks to stiffer competition which is set to continue.

On rornover up by 34.5 per cent to £64.9m, pretax profits rose by only 14 per cent to £1.68m in the six months to September 30... Most of the profits increase was contributed by electrical distributor, Best and May, acquired earlier this year.

But, Mr P. Edge-Partington, chairman, said that Best and May, like all the other divisions in the group, was fighting to maintain margins. Large ex-

port orders were anticipated. The United Kingdom electrical and engineering contract-ing operations suffered from a general fall in work which shows signs of continuing into

sign of an upturn-in fact there could be even more of a down turn , Mr Edge Partington said Overseas activities were

fairly buoyant in the first half year but the political and commercial climate in the Middle East is becoming less fravourable, he added Glassware profits have also been hit by competition, a factor which is now also affecting Crown's employment agencies as recruitment declines with the onset of recession. The property divi-sion, now playing an increas-ingly less significant role in

troup activity, turned in a useful contribution.

The interim dividend rises from 3p to 3.2p, and the chairman said that the year's profit chould exceed 10701. should exceed 1978's record £4m if engineering contract comple-tion dates are achieved as

British Vita offers £4m for Vita-Tex

by the Vira-Tex board and ssociates who between them own or control nearly 64 per cent of the shares.

cant of the shares.

Also included in the details of the offer is a buy-back transaction which allows certain. Vita-Tex directors to acquire of its directors, apart from the some of the company's proper property assets, will be the comittee which are not germane to pany's 49 per cent stake in its mainstream activities. A Big J Clothing.

By Baron Phillips

British Vita, the rubber and plastics group has made its and company and llas the long-awaited bid for the knicting company Vita Tex. The offer is shareladders of Vita Tex are worth £4.18m and values the vita three ordinary 25p British. They were suspended a vita shares and £8.50 Guaranmonth ago ween discussions were held between the two companies. At the time of the shares and £8.50 cash or £12.

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by 45p to 116p.

The £4m bid is recommended, and will bear interest at the and will bear interest at the National Westminster seven days withdrawal nonice rate

The notes may be redeemed at holder's option from the end of April 1980. Also included in the buy-back-deal between Vita-Tex and some:

A. Cohen nearly trebles in first half

manufacturer of non-ferrous alloys, saw profits almost treble in the first half year in

treble in the first half year in spitie of an earlier warning, that 1979 would be difficult. Turnover rose from £11.76m to £16.2m and pretax profits soared from £327,000 to £942,000 in the six womths to September 30. The board said that it expects profits for the second half not to be less than those of the first. Last year the eroup made a £1.96m profit. group made a £1.96m profit. The share price rose a few pence to 263p.

Mr Robert Cohen, chairman,

Mr Robert Cohen, chairman, pointed out that in view of the proposed disposal of part of the group's 61.8 per cent interest in its South African subsidiary, Metal Sales Company (Proprietary), only the profits relative to its remaining 24 per cent have been included in the £147.000 share of profits from associates.

associates.
An interim dividend of 2-35p gross has been declared compared with last year's 3.2p gross. Earnings per share have jumped from 1.54p to 18.15p.

Cons Gold's search

reveals no buyers After a searching scrutiny of its share register Consoli-dated Gold Fields has been unable to identify a single major buyer of its stock. Gold Fields' share price has risen 50p in about a month to close last night at 3780 amid speculation of heavy buying preparatory to a bid, perhaps from

South Africa.

But Gold Fields' survey is believed to have uncovered no major new holder or increase in existing holdings. On the

Business appointments

becomes deputy chief at Thorn

Sir John Read

contrary, the number of indi-vidual shareholders has risen.
One interpretation is that investors believe Gold Fields to be undervalued. That, com-bined with long-term holders taking profits, has created a market more open than usual. Record gold prices have also helped.

Helene of London buys Harold Lee

The takenver by Helene of London Ltd of Harold Lee has been completed. A payment of £500,000 on account has been made—£200,000 cash and the balance in 1.07m ordinary.

The Industrial and Commer-The Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation has exercised its option, approved by shareholders on January 30, 1975, to subscribe at par for im ordinary 10p shares in Helene. ICPC now holds 1,95m ordinaries in Helene—10.8 per cent of the enlarged capital. The proceeds of subscription have been applied in reduction of Helene's loss from ICFC, the halance of 138,000 having been repaid.

County & District in . strong position

With rental and management income for the balf-year to September 30 up from £462,000 to £493,000, the board of County and District. Properties is lifting the interim payment, gross, from 0.48p (adjusted) to 0.53c

0.83p.

The amount available for discount from tribution, before tax, is up from £292,000 to £309,000. The board

Half-time rise of 31 pc at Dom

Following the best-ever profits of £1.3m pre-tax made in 1978-79, further progress is reported by the Dom Holdings fixing products concern.

With the thrower 22 per cent up at 27,05m, profits, before tax, rose by 31 per cent to 2704,000 in the half-year to September 30. Dom's board explains that the improvement in set margins reflects the continued margins reflects the continued investment in machinery and tooling and the containment of overheads. In the second half, trading in the main areas is satisfactory. The interim payment is being lifted from 2,67p to 2,81p gross.

Decca in talks with PolyGram

Talks have started between Decca and the PolyGram Group Decca and the PolyGram Group on the sale of certain of the recording and music publishing activities of Decca. However, it will not be pussible, as wes previously indicated, to hold, an extraordinary general meeting of Decca's ordinary share-holders for the purposes of approving proposed disposals before the and of the year, A further announcement made shortly.

First-half results up at Estates & Agency

At Estates and Agency Holdings, turnover (net rents re-ceivable) for the first half of 1979 rose from £70,000 to: expects further improvement in ceivable) for the first half of the second half. County's 1979 rose from 570,000 to-financial position remains very £97,000. Pre-tax profits are up

is a loss of £6,000 on the sale of freehold property, compared with nil last year. The figures include the results of Molyneur. Securities (Charing Cross) and Axtell House Property for three months to June 30.

Record predicted by Kennedy Smale

Record profits are expected Record promis are expected for the current year at the Bilson-based engineering firm of Kennedy Smale. Although sales dropped from £1.51m to £1.41m in the six months to September 30, pre-tax profits ruse from £244,000 to £337,000, In addition, there is an extra ordinary credit of £98,00 before tax, on the sale of a sactory. In spice of the unpromising outlook for the national aconomy, the board expects group progress to be maintained and the year's profits to top 1978-79's peak. Meanwhile, the interim pay-ment is being taised from 1.31p to 1.4p gross and the board intends to pay a total for the

Barratt to buy Scottish Homes

Newcastle-based Burrett De-velopments is to make a 480-a-share cash bid for Scottish Homes Investment. The offer, which has the backing of SHI which has the backing of SHI
directors and other shareholders representing 52.6 per
cent of the capital, values the
company at £3.50m. Agreement
has also been reached in the disposal of two SHI subsidiaries,
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The Dow Jones industrial average rose two points to 844.62 and advances led declines nine to seven on volume of 43,000,000 traded on Friday. yesterday. Houses sold a uantity of Treasury bills small number of local y bills to the Bank, and six houses also borrowed sum overnight at MLR centl. conditions had been well ted for this week, since talation is now mounting as the Christmas spending as into full swing and x fails due for payment Revenue. These were certhe maint factors assint TOTAL TANK THE PROPERTY OF THE major factors against Record silver highs ally offsetting factor was net figure for maturing Bills, Bank balances had ey Market N.E.L. Trust Managers Ltd. 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Lundon ECT. 10.58 1815 20.1 123 in far 134 12.0.1 123 in far 134 12.0 Copper demand Rates SOT Section on Section expected to stay Bank 17 % 'at good level' lays Bank 17% Bank 17% blidated Crdts 17% pare & Co *17% is Bank 17% Paris, Dec 17.—Leading French copper manufacturer Trefimetaux said it expects demand for semi-inished products to remain at a good level at least until the end of March, possibly until lune, and then to slow down in the second half of next year. In a copper industry study. Trefimetaux said it is more moderate in its outlook than the majority of analysts who see a very mediocre year in 1980. It added 1979 has been a good year for European manufacturers, noting demand for refined copper rose 4 per cent against a 12 per cent increase last year, although worldwide demand rose only 3 per cent, against 5.8 per cent in 1978. Trefimetaux said 1979 world demand for refined copper will be around 9.8m tonnes against 9.5m in 1978. 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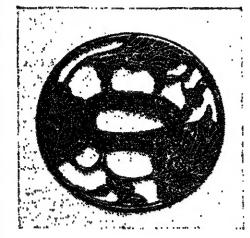
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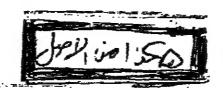
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Reid, almost unrecognizable, in a sketch from her eryl Reid (BBC,2, 9.00) ...

her two weeks and the International Year of the Child . old, then, that after vast stretches of 1979 in which on largely ignored the special nature of the year, the weeks should have brought a mass of child-inspired nmes. We have just seen the four-part Year of the Child rom ATV and the BBC television play Katie. w, just as the year comes pauting up to the finishing e BBC presents three documentaries under the umbrella kind of Childhood, the first of which is screened tonight , 7.20). John and Friends establishes the style for all regrammes: a child, deprived of a normal family life, out the world as he sees it. The cameraman takes his n the child and not the other way round. John, 11, 10 awareness of the camera and the BBC were lucky to He is in local authority care, living in a home with ther children from broken homes. He turns interviewer, out how privileged children's lives compare with his own.
he puts the questions an adult might feel too inhibited
Gravely, the replies come back. This experiment in children on the same wavelength, usually a risky s, works admirably to the case of John and Friends.

is some bunching of related programmes elsewhere ision tonight. This is prizewinners night with a see. Nationwide (BBC 1, 5.55) announces the results anal new carol competition. More than 2,000 entries, rooks, have been whittled down to nine, and we shall of them, sung by the submitting choirs, in Coventry al. On BBC 2 (8.10) we shall learn who has won le's award for the best rescue archaeology project, and thing of the work of the six finalists from excavations nano-British cemetery near Dunstable to clearin graves te streets of Nottingham. Magnus Magnusson (who ves anything away on Mastermind) will present the might. ITV's contribution to awards night will be a sur devoted to the best coordinated sets of limbs—ld Disco Dancing Championship. Julia Brown will or Britain ITV, 7.30).

inching up on radio. In a very varied day, I recommend Call (Radio 4, 9.05 am) on ghosts, with ghost-hunter regory taking part in what should be a spirited phone in, live broadcast from the London Collscum of Handel's clius Caesar (Radio 3, 7.00).

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Broadcasting Guide

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BBC 1 12.45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: The programme's resident experts give advice on legal, financial and medical matters. 1.45 Bagposs: story of an old cloth cat (r. Closedown at 2.00). 3.25 Dechrau Slarad : Weish 3.55 Play School: the story of Down the Hill (from Frog and Tood All Year). 20 Secret Squirrel: cartoon. Ship

4.20 Jackanory: Spike Milligan reads part 1 of John Antrobus's story Help i 1'm a Prisoner in a Toothpaste Factory. 4.49 Animal Magic: Santa Claus visits the studio, with real reindeer. Also, a magician, Paul Damiels, who works with animals—and not only rabbits. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel. 5.10 The Record Breakers : Ray

BBC 2

10.05 am Business World: What went wrong at British Leyland? (r). Closedown at 10.30

11.0 Play School: same as BBC1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 4.10 A Taste of Work: The advantages that colleges offer to those who would otherwise be school-leavers (r). Closedown at 4.35. 5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Towed in a Hole.* Stanley and Cliver renovate a boat and smash up a car. Somewhat pedestrian. 6.00 Animation at Cambridge: short subjects by British animators. Last in the series.

tors. Last in the series. 6.15 Grange Bill: comprehensive school stories. Tomight is the last one. Term, appropriately, is end-

9.30 am Clapperboard: Chris Kelly goes to Pinewood Studios, on the set of Disney's The Spaceman and King Arthur.

9.55 To the Wild Country: wintry scenes in northern Canada.

10.45 Little House on the Prairie: small town American series,

nsually heart-tagging.

11.35 To the Top: the building of Toronto's 1,815ft tower—the world's galest free-standing struc-

11.55 The Bubblies: cartoon. The

Rainy Day. 12.06 Simon in the Land of Chalk

Drawings: two stories for children. 12.10 pm Stepping Stones: the

subject is goats.

12 30 The Sullivans: Australian family stories, set the last war.

1.00 News: with Peter Sissons.

1.20 Thames News.

THAMES

BBC 2

as usual, is in the chair and replying to the audience's questions are:
Neil Kinnock, MP, Bei Mooney, Dr
John Rae and Norman St John Srevas. S.40 News: with Angela Rippon.
S.55 Nationwide: Results of this year's carol competition. All nine finalists will have their entries song in Coventry Cathedral 1 sec.
Personal Choice!.
7 00 Ross Barries Conton. 11.45 News Headlines, and 7.00 Rolf Harris's Carloon Time; Includes Daify Duck and The Pups' Christmas.
7.30 Film: Green and the Green Knight (1973) British-made film version of the anonymous early medieval poem. Magical goings-on. With Murray Head, Ciaran Madden.

Madden.

9.00 News: with Richard Baker.

9.25 Time Express. Last instalment of this ridiculous American TV series about a train that takes people back into their past. Vincent Price and Coral Browne, the railway hosts, have been pittful to watch.

10.15 Mainstream: last of the present series of arts programmes. Unless a drastic reappraisal is made of the show's format, it would be best not to have a second series.

9.00 Beryl Reid: Comedy sketches

and songs, featuring this former comedienne who can now turn her hand to any role. Her guests in-

1.30 About Britzin: I Think We'll Call You Georgie Fame, At home with the popular music maker.
2.90 After Noon Plus: Four people explain what Christmas means to them. They are Kay Kelly, the terminal cancer case who last Christmas may given a few weeks.

Christmas was given a few weeks to live; Keith Castle, the heart transplant man; actor Alec McCowen, and northern comedian Mike Harding.

245 The Love Boat: luxury liner

story.
3.45 Look Who's Talking: Singer Vince Hill talks about his career to Derek Bates.
4.15 Get it Together: pop music

show.
4.45 Magpie: the long-running children's magazine.
5.15 Stax Gardens: What is growing in Roy Castle's garden in Gerrards.

Cross, Bucks. 5,45 News. 6,00 Thames News. 6,25 Heip! Joan Shenton's infor-

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7.20 A Kind of Childhood: John and Friends. New series in which the narration is done by children who are the subjects of the films, (See Personal Choice.)
8.10 Chronicle: Digging for Rescue The award presentation cere-18.49 Floodlit Rugby League: The final of this year's BBC2 Floodlit Rugby League Trophy. Highlights introduced by Richard Duckenfield, with Eddie Waring providing s. to Chronica: Digging to kes-cue. The award presentation cere-mony for the winner of Chronicle's prize for the best rescue archaeol-ogy project of 1973. Six finalists (see Personal Choice).

11.30 News and weather. 11.45 Closedown: Robert Frost's poem Departmental, read by David Markham.

the Street, Women crime busters.
7.30 World Disco Dancing Cham-7.39 World Disco Uniting Champiouship live from the Empire Ballroom, Leicester Square, Lon-don (see Personal Choice). 8.30 George and Mildred: comedy series. Tonight: an heirloom from China. 9.00 World in Action Special:

The last white Christmas? About Rhodesia, of course, with an interview with lan Smith, farmers and Patriotic Front leaders. 10.00 News. 10.30 Film: The Users (1978). Tele-Grampian

vision movie with Tony Curtis as a falling star of Hollywood with one last chance to shipe. Also starring Jaclyn Smith, Red Buttons and Joan Fontaine. 12.35 am Close: Another reading, by Andrew Croickshauk, from Through the Year with J. B. Phil-lips.

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Sounding Off. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours, 12.20 Down Your Way. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One,
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.

3.15 Men at Arms (Concl.)†
4.10 Bookshelf.
4.40 Preview.
4.45 Story: The Haunted Cellar,
5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News.
6.30 Just a Minute.†
7.00 News.
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8.05 In Touch.
8.30 The Magic of Music.†
9.13 A Sideways Look.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Hornblower Story (4).†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight,
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News. 6.15 At Home: 7
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7.00 Opera: Julius Caesar, by Handel thive from London Collisum—ENO: Mackerras; J. Baker, Masterson, S. Walker; Tomlinson, Mes-

8.30 junus Cathar, St. 111.†
10.30 Piano: Debussy.†
11.00 The Beecham Legacy: Berlioz, Sibelius, Haydn (Sym 102).† 12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

7.50 am Regional news, weather, 7.50 Regional news, weather, 5.50 pm Regional news, weather, 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Por aqui.

2.15 David Hamilton.† 4.15 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Wag-goners' Walk. 5.20 John Dunn.† 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Brian Fabey.† 7.30 Folk 79.† 8.02 Tuesday Night is Gala Night.† 9.02 Max Jaffa.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02 Grumbleweeds' Christmas Party. 11.02 Brian Matthew, 2.02-5.00 am

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Tees always? (7).
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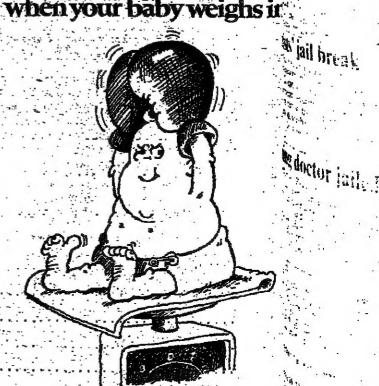
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